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Body parts sent to B.C. schools

Vancouver. Staff at two elementary schools open packages containing human remains

MATT KIELTYKA
Metro in Vancouver

Police in Vancouver are working with Montreal investigators after human body parts were sent to two area schools Tuesday.

Vancouver Police Department Deputy Chief Warren Lemcke confirmed the gruesome find but warned it was too early to speculate that the incident is related to the bizarre mutilation case involving the now-notorious suspect Luka Rocco Magnotta. They also did not say whether it could be a copycat crime.

"Vancouver police are investigating two disturbing cases in which human remains were discovered in two separate packages mailed to local area schools," said Lemcke.

The first package contained a human hand and was opened by staff at False Creek Elementary School around 1 p.m., local time. About an hour later, a foot was discovered inside a package at St. George's private school, also in Vancouver.

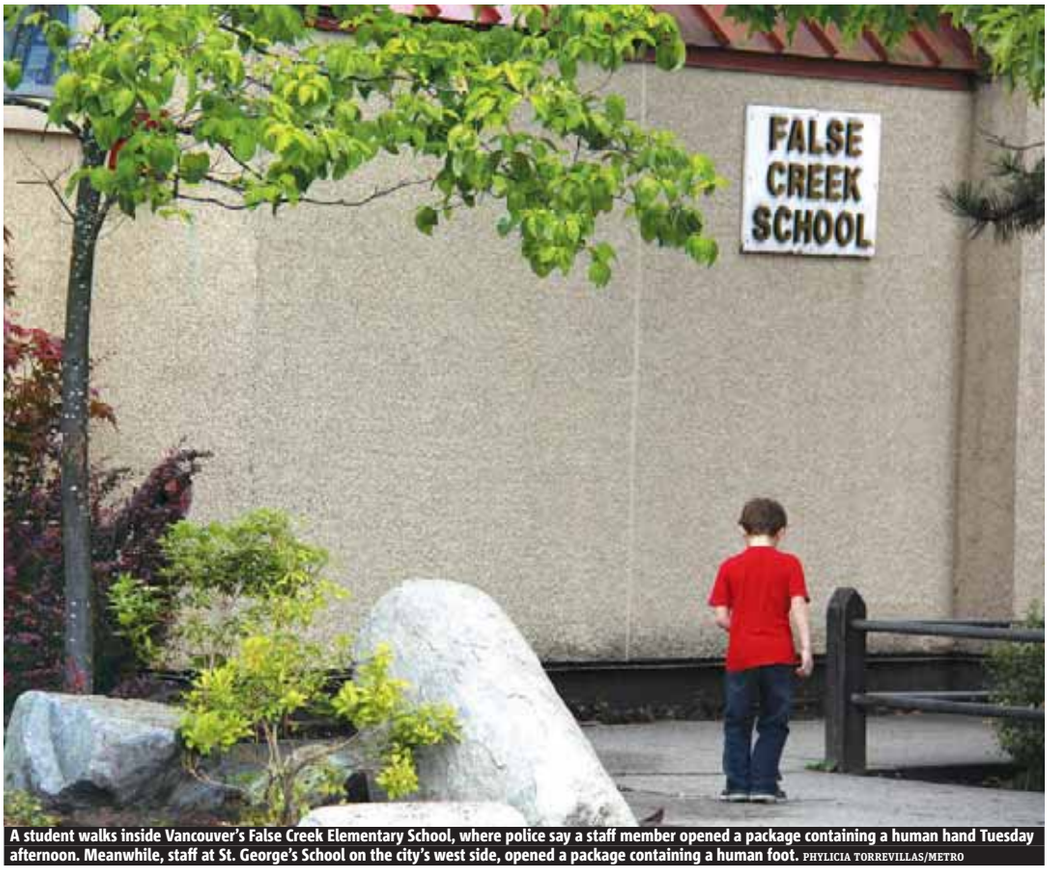
"The remains will be examined by the coroner and there is no indication about the identity at this stage of the investigation," said Lemcke, adding that investigators' first course of action is to identify the victim and find out where the packages were mailed from.

Magnotta was the subject of an international manhunt this week after he allegedly killed a man in Montreal and mailed his body parts to political offices in Ottawa. Magnotta was arrested in Berlin on Monday.

MAGNOTTA WON'T FIGHT EXTRADITION, PAGE 6

Traumatic experience

"This must have been a very, very traumatic incident for all ... at the schools who were involved in opening these packages."
Warren Lemcke, Vancouver Police Department deputy chief



A student walks inside Vancouver's False Creek Elementary School, where police say a staff member opened a package containing a human hand Tuesday afternoon. Meanwhile, staff at St. George's School on the city's west side, opened a package containing a human foot. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Toronto police to target gangs

Focus on "Sic Thugs" after Eaton Centre shooting: Source PAGE 3

Feds move to ban 'bath salts'

Street drug linked to Florida's grisly face-chewing attack PAGE 17

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Scarborough

Boy injured in fall from escalator

A nine-year-old boy was rushed to hospital in critical condition after falling from an escalator at Scarborough Town Centre on Tuesday.

Toronto police Const. Tony Vella said the boy climbed up the escalator railing shortly after 4 p.m. before falling about six metres to the floor below. Vella said the boy landed on his head and was found bleeding from the mouth. He was unconscious but breathing when he was rushed to Sick Kids hospital in critical condition.

Police are reviewing video footage, said Sgt. Mike Williams.

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Collision

Bus strikes cyclist

A cyclist was taken to hospital with severe head injuries after he was hit by a TTC bus on Bayview Street and Craig Crescent on Tuesday afternoon.

Toronto police Const. Tony Vella said the man, who is in his 30s, was struck around 2 p.m. just north of Eglinton Avenue.

Vella said police are investigating the cause of the collision.

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Waterfront

Queens Quay makeover ready for launch

A $110-million plan to transform Queens Quay into a model streetscape with a wide pedestrian promenade, bike lanes and a new bi-directional streetcar corridor will break ground next month, nearly two years after it was expected to begin.

The ambitious project is to be finished in 2015.

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G20. York police board rejects charges for officer

The York Police Services Board has blocked efforts to lay misconduct charges against an officer captured on YouTube telling a G20 protester, "This ain't Canada right now" and demanding that he be searched.

In October, the province's police-complaints watchdog recommended three misconduct charges against Sgt. Mark Charlebois, who apprehended Paul Figueiras during the G20 summit two years ago.

But because the directive came well after a six-month deadline, York Region's police chief had to ask the board's permission to lay the charges. Under the Police Services Act, a disciplinary hearing can only be called within six months of the initial complaint.

Paul Figueiras TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

He was refused.

"The board decided that it was not reasonable, under the circumstances, to delay serving the notice of hearing," said board spokesperson Mafalda Avellino in a statement.

"As such, the board declined the chief's request for permission to serve a notice of hearing upon Detective Charlebois."

But in Toronto, the police board has already granted approval for 28 G20-related charges recommended by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director — even though those charges have surpassed the six-month deadline.

To Murray Klippenstein, Figueiras' lawyer, York Region's police board has used a technicality to "shut down this accountability" process.

On May 11, Figueiras filed a lawsuit with the Ontario Superior Court against Charlebois, York Region's police board and the Toronto Police Services Board, which oversaw policing during the G20.

But the 39-year-old Mississauga man is not suing for money — just a declaration that his Charter rights were violated during the G20.

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Anti-gang initiative set to roll out: Source

Eaton Centre fallout.
Two groups targeted by police include aspiring rappers who ply the drug trade

Toronto police are about to crack down on gangs operating across two divisions near the city's core in the wake of the Eaton Centre shooting.

"We are going to take back the neighbourhoods," a police source told the Toronto Star.

The initiative, nicknamed Project Post, will target two gangs, the Project Originals and Sic Thugs. The code name borrows the first two letters from the Project Originals and the last two letters are in reference to the Sic Thugs.

The project will launch in the next few days. A meeting will be held Wednesday to map out operational plans.

The plan was actually in the development stage for the past two or three weeks, but has gained a new sense of urgency after one man was fatally shot and six others wounded in a barrage of gunfire at the mall's food court Saturday.

The Eaton Centre food court opened Tuesday for the first time since the fatal shooting that happened on Saturday.
VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The accused shooter, Christopher Husbands, 23, and the city's 21st homicide victim, Ahmed Hassan, 24, were members of the Sic Thugs, police said.

A third, unidentified man who is still in hospital with neck and chest wounds is believed to be a member of the Sic Thugs.

Husbands faces one count of first-degree murder and six counts of attempted murder.

There was only one gunman, police say.

Project Post's multi-tiered response will involve enforcement and a community information campaign, as well as the Guns and Gangs Task Force and TAVIS rapid-response teams.

The project will also involve everything from rounding up suspected criminals, more bail-compliance checks, identifying who the players are, stepped-up patrols, and finding gang members and associates on outstanding arrest warrants.

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On the web

Betty White gets waxed

The last remaining Golden Girl, Betty White, is now memorialized in the Madame Tussauds wax museum. Watch the 90-year-old unveil her statue at metronews.ca

Mobile news

An Oregon jury has awarded $900,000 to a 49-year-old woman who claimed a 69-year-old Portland man intentionally gave her a sexually transmitted disease after they met on an online dating website. Scan the code to read more.

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Top Chef bringing new restaurant to Toronto

Toronto chef Carl Heinrich won Top Chef Canada Season 2 this week. Originally from Sooke, B.C., Heinrich last worked as the executive chef of Marben restaurant on Wellington Street near Spadina Avenue. He is now planning the opening of his own restaurant in Toronto this August.

What was it like cooking under pressure on Top Chef Canada?
The time restraints were always tough. It forced all the chefs to be true to their guts and trust their instincts. But it was a lot of fun. Challenging, but fun.

What can we expect from your new restaurant?
The same kind of food you saw on Top Chef. A locally and seasonally inspired menu, driven by solid cooking technique. There will be a really cool, big, long chef's table you can belly up to and a meat locker right in the dining room. Customers will feel like they are right in the kitchen. They can just have a quick burger and a beer or stay for a three-course meal.

Any advice for aspiring chefs?
It takes a lot of hard work. You have to be committed and work for the best chefs you can find. Then don't be afraid to put your own flair on a dish, when you're ready for it. The casting for Top Chef Canada Season 3 ends June 19, so if you think you have the talent go for it.

MELISSA REBER/FOR METRO

Ford to spend the next two years focusing on economy

Policy. Toronto mayor says he aims to bring unemployment rate to national average within next five years

After labour negotiations wrapped up in April, it seemed the last item on Mayor Rob Ford's to-do-list had been crossed off. Since then, many — including his own allies — have wondered how the mayor planned to fill the rest of his term.

On Tuesday afternoon, he finally gave them an answer.

Ford laid out a five-point plan for economic growth, including a commitment to lower commercial property tax rates to be more in line with the surrounding regions.

"Toronto should be the city where people and businesses from around the world most want to live, invest and thrive. And that's what I want for Toronto. To get there we need a plan," Ford told a crowd of 300 political and business leaders at the Economic Club of Canada.

Ford said his team is already working on that new economic development strategy.

As is often mentioned in speeches about Toronto's economy, Ford noted that there are more construction cranes here than anywhere else in North America. But he cautioned that of the 189 currently dotting Toronto skies, almost all are building residential units.

"I want more and more of those cranes to be building commercial space, because commercial space means permanent jobs for city residents. It also means assessment growth that will help us pay our bills and not increase taxes year after year."

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By the numbers

1.75%

Ford said Toronto homeowners will probably see a 1.75 per cent property tax hike in 2013.

Mayor Rob Ford.
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Eyes on the sky for the transit of Venus

Jamie Quan, 24, a teacher, smiles as she looks at the transit of Venus in progress. Crowds gathered Tuesday evening at Varsity Stadium to don special safety glasses and watch as Venus appeared as a tiny black dot and passed across the sun's surface. The rare event won't reoccur for another 105 years.

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Legislation. Leaders will accept gay-straight alliances at Catholic schools: McGuinty

Catholic leaders will accept the fact publicly funded schools must allow students to form clubs called gay-straight alliances, Premier Dalton McGuinty said Tuesday as the Ontario government's anti-bullying legislation passed third and final reading.

"It's about building a stronger, more cohesive society where we all accept that ... discrimination against children on the basis of whatever, including their sexual orientation, is no longer acceptable," McGuinty told reporters.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"There is a lot of common ground here, and there are values that transcend any one faith." Premier Dalton McGuinty

Contract talks

Two per cent wage increase for TTC workers

An arbitrator has awarded the Toronto Transit Commission's 10,000 unionized workers a 2 per cent increase in each year of a three-year contract.

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Sport

New fees for sport fields proposed

City of Toronto staff are proposing "nominal" new fees for sports fields starting next year, after a backlash from kids' leagues prompted council to cancel heftier charges for 2012.

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Body-parts suspect back this week?

Arrested in Berlin. Luka Rocco Magnotta told a judge in Germany he won't fight extradition to Canada, police say

Montreal police officer Denis Mainville discusses Magnotta's arrest with reporters. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alleged killer Luka Rocco Magnotta told a judge in Berlin Tuesday he will not fight his extradition from Germany to Canada.

Magnotta is wanted in Canada on several charges — including first-degree murder — in connection with the gruesome Montreal killing and dismemberment of Chinese national Jun Lin.

Police in Montreal, meanwhile, are still looking for several of Lin's body parts.

In Berlin, police spokesperson Stefan Redlich said Magnotta met with a German judge at police headquarters, where he was held in a 1.5-metre-by-five-metre cell overnight.

"(Magnotta) did not say anything about the case itself, but (when) asked about whether he would object to go back to Canada, he said no he wouldn't," Redlich said in a phone interview.

Magnotta will have to go before a German court for an extradition hearing once Canada formally requests he return for trial.

That means Magnotta could be back in Canada as early as this week, according to authorities.

"This may speed up the (extradition) process, but on the other hand, he may change his opinion any day," Redlich said.

"So we will see."

Magnotta was arrested Monday at a Berlin Internet café following an international manhunt.

He fled Montreal for Europe after Lin's death sometime overnight between May 24 and May 25.

The 33-year-old Lin's torso was found last week stuffed in a suitcase in an alley behind the west-end Montreal apartment building where Magnotta lived.

A hand and a foot were mailed in separate parcels to the offices of political parties in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

This picture of Luka Rocco Magnotta was taken from his Facebook page. METRO

Magnotta's photo makes Labatt feel Blue ... for a while

Labatt beer officials gulped when the saw the photo.

It showed alleged body-parts murderer Luka Rocco Magnotta holding a Labatt Blue beer bottle.

It was posted on the website of the Montreal newspaper The Gazette on Sunday.

But in a flurry of developments in less than 24 hours, Labatt threatened to sue The Gazette, was the subject of mockery in the online community, and then opted to drop the legal action.

"Once the Gazette explained their position, we promptly thanked them for their response, dropped the matter and we will not be following up further," said Labatt VP of corporate affairs Charlie Angelakos.

Gazette lawyer Mark Bantey said the daily has no intention of replacing or removing the Magnotta photo.

It was retrieved from Facebook and holds a "newsworthy" component, he said.

Meanwhile, the meme "#newlabattcampaign" took on a life of its own on Twitter.

Hundreds of posts appeared, most mocking Labatt's position by creating morbid corporate slogan suggestions. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Stabbed his kids

Freedom in sight for a killer

A former Quebec doctor who stabbed his two children 46 times but was found not criminally responsible must remain at a psychiatric hospital.

But Guy Turcotte will gradually be allowed more freedom.

Five experts ruled Tuesday that Turcotte must stay detained for at least six more months, but will be allowed some escorted outings.

After five months, he will be allowed to leave unescorted up to 16 hours a day and can stay overnight with family members.

The mental-health panel concluded that "the accused remains very fragile." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suspects held

Stolen tractor landed in it

Thieves used a crappy hiding spot to stash a stolen tractor: A giant pile of manure 4.5 metres deep.

The RCMP in Fisher Branch, 150 kilometres northwest of Winnipeg, have two suspects in custody. METRO

Smart fur

It feels just like man's best friend

Petting an animal can decrease stress. Now Anna Flagg, a University of B.C. graduate student, has developed a "smart fur" to let people allergic to animals or hospital patients get the same benefits of having a live pet. METRO

Non-stop debate

Tories in danger, NDP warns

Opposition parties are planning to force several days of non-stop Commons votes on amendments to the Harper government's massive omnibus bill.

New Democrats are warning the government could be defeated if Conservative MPs fall asleep at the switch at any point during the marathon session.

The government has put itself in peril by cramming controversial changes to some 70 different laws into the 400-plus-page budget bill, NDP House leader Nathan Cullen warned.

Cullen said: "They can't have members falling asleep, going home … missing votes." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Putin's law. Russia hands down huge fines to those who protest government

The Kremlin-controlled Russian parliament on Tuesday rammed through a harsh bill that raises fines 150-fold for people taking part in unsanctioned rallies, a move aimed at discouraging the opposition from challenging President Vladimir Putin.

The bill would jack up fines from the current 2,000 rubles to 300,000 rubles ($9,000), and comes after a series of protests that have reflected growing public frustration with Putin's 12-year rule. The potential punishment is more severe than for many other crimes, including violations in the storage of nuclear materials.

The opposition factions in the lower house, the State Duma, put forward several hundred amendments in an unprecedented attempt to stymie the bill's passage, reflecting a new willingness to stand up to the Kremlin.

But members of the Kremlin's majority United Russia party voted the amendments down one by one during a marathon session that lasted nearly six extra hours and ended just before midnight. United Russia then used its majority in the 450 seat parliament to approve the bill in the second and third readings. The final vote was 241-147.

The Kremlin wants the bill to become law by next Tuesday when the opposition plans a major protest in Moscow. The bill also will require approval by the upper house and Putin's signature, both formalities.

Since returning as president in May, Putin has toughened his line toward the opposition, whose protests in the winter drew up to 100,000 in an unprecedented challenge to his rule. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In charge

The State Duma, or Russian parliament, is dominated by Putin's United Russia party

- **United Russia 238 seats** Putin's ruling centrist party
- **Communist Party 92** Former ruling, far-left party
- **A Just Russia 64** Social-democratic party founded in 2006
- **Liberal Democrats 56** Far-right party led by Vladimir Zhirinovsky

Ukrainian language bill sparks protests

Ukrainian riot police officers block opposition activists during a protest rally in the capital Kiev Tuesday. Several thousand flag-waving activists staged a noisy protest outside the parliament building, protesting the bill that would keep Ukrainian as the only official language in the country, although Russian could be used in courts, hospitals and other institutions in Russian-speaking regions. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Illegal occupation

Israeli PM wants to move settlers

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is recommending that authorities physically move the buildings of an illegal West Bank outpost slated for demolition in hopes of defusing a political crisis roiling his governing coalition, an official said Tuesday.

The order for the Ulpana settlement outpost has pitted Netanyahu against settler groups and their allies in his government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Complete turnaround

Myanmar media praises Suu Kyi

Myanmar's once-hostile state-run press offered unprecedented praise Tuesday to Aung San Suu Kyi, lauding the opposition leader for working with President Thein Sein for the country's benefit and calling the pair "the hope of Myanmar."

The piece run in the New Light of Myanmar came amid reports of tensions over Suu Kyi's trip to Thailand last week, which both leaders denied. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. asks Iran to open its nuclear facility to UN

A U.S. envoy challenged Iran on Tuesday to disprove suspicions it had worked to develop nuclear arms by throwing open a military site to UN inspection. He also urged Tehran to curb uranium enrichment, noting that — with further work — the material it has already amassed would be enough for use in several atomic bombs.

Robert Wood spoke to the 35-nation board of the International Atomic Energy Agency as it turned its attention to Iran's nuclear program and concerns it could be turned into making weapons — a fear that has generated threats of military action from both Israel and the United States if diplomacy fails to persuade Tehran to compromise.

The IAEA late last month showed board members satellite photos that its officials and diplomats said seemed to show Iran moving earth and hosing down the insides of a building at its Parchin military site, southeast of Tehran. That, they said, has strengthened suspicions that Tehran is trying to cleanse the area of evidence of secret work on high explosives used to set off a nuclear charge.

Tehran has strenuously denied such experiments while refusing to let IAEA experts visit the facility for more than three months. Wood on Tuesday questioned its alleged actions and motives, saying "if Iran has nothing to hide, why deny the agency access and carry out these apparent clean-up efforts?" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Nigeria mourns, suspends airline's licence

Fear. Greater numbers of people living and working near landing strip are at risk

Mourners silently walked between rows of the dead from a plane crash in Nigeria that killed the 153 people aboard the airliner and others on the ground, peering into burned faces in hopes of claiming the remains of their loved ones on Tuesday.

Those in grief passed by more than a dozen bodies able to be recognized by sight alone in a Lagos hospital parking lot. Onlookers wore surgical masks to block out the smell. As family members softly wept and held each other, Nigeria's government announced Tuesday it has indefinitely suspended Dana Air's licence, grounding the carrier that operated the MD-83 airplane that crashed in the country's largest city and now faces widespread public anger.

"We are without eyes," said Jennifer Enanana, as she sobbed in the parking lot over the death of her younger brother in the crash. She had lost another brother within the year. "We don't have anybody that will protect us that can stand like a man and defend us. Dana stole him."

The MD-83 went down about nine kilometres from Lagos' Murtala Muhammed International Airport. The area has grown dramatically over the decades, as Lagos surges toward becoming the largest city in Africa.

That population pressure has seen homes, business and industrial sites shoot up along the approach route used by aircraft. The population there is at risk with many aviation disasters in Nigeria over the last two decades.

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A rescue worker walks past the wreckage of a plane in Lagos, Nigeria, Monday. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Syria. Aid workers let into conflict sites

Syria agreed to allow aid workers and supply convoys into four of its hardest-hit provinces, where at least one million people are in urgent need of aid because of injuries from the bloody civil conflict or the loss of homes and jobs, officials said Tuesday.

President Bashar Assad's government pledged in a written agreement to ease humanitarian access to the provinces even as the regime plunged itself into further international isolation by labelling a string of U.S. and European diplomats as unwelcome.

The deal requires Syria to provide visas to allow in an unspecified number of aid workers from nine UN agencies and seven other non-governmental organizations, and to cut through the bureaucratic red tape that has blocked convoys from delivering critically needed food, medicine and other supplies, said John Ging, operations director for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

But officials were quick to caution they will not declare success until the Assad regime delivers on its promises. Ging said he hopes it will be "days, not weeks" before the workers start filtering in and aid is delivered to the provinces of Daraa, Deir el-Zour, Homs and Idlib.

"Whether this is a breakthrough or not will be evident in the coming days and weeks and it will be measured not in rhetoric, not in agreements, but in action on the ground," Ging told reporters after emerging from a closed-door session in Geneva to discuss the dire humanitarian situation in Syria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Breakdown

Syria's relations with the West have quickly eroded.

- **Last week.** Western countries expel Syrian diplomats after the Houla massacre, which they blame on pro-regime forces.
- **Tuesday.** Syria reciprocated by barring Western diplomats from entry.
- **Later Tuesday.** The UN launched the Syrian Humanitarian Forum to negotiate for access.

Norway

Extremists defend Breivik at trial

A handful of Norwegian right-wing extremists testified Tuesday in self-confessed killer Anders Behring Breivik's defence, backing his claims that Norway is "at war" with Islam.

The 33-year-old fears his ideology could be undermined if he is declared insane. Defence lawyers attempted to show that while there are people who share Breivik's world view, they are not declared mentally ill for doing so.

"Norway is at war," Tore Tvedt, a far-right extremist who has been convicted for his published anti-Semitic statements, told the court.

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Egypt

Mubarak grows ill days after verdict

The health of ousted Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak deteriorated sharply on Tuesday, three days after a court sentenced him to life imprisonment in connection to killing of protesters, a security official said.

The official at Cairo's Torah prison said that Mubarak collapsed several times and that he was placed on mechanical ventilation after having difficulty breathing. He says the ousted president's condition worsened after a visit by his wife Suzanne Mubarak on Monday, who sobbed and cried after seeing Mubarak in a prison blue suit.

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Fishing traps

9,000-year-old undersea find?

Archeologists say they have found what could be the world's oldest stationary fishing traps in the Baltic Sea, with the most ancient dating back at least 9,000 years.

Arne Sjostrom of Sodertorn University outside Stockholm says the remains of the seven basket traps, made out of hazel rods fastened together, have been found in a submerged river valley off Sweden's coast at a depth of five to 12 metres.

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Cruise firm's error

Vodka added to tot's orange juice

A firm that manages a Hawaii dinner cruise says it mistakenly served alcohol to a three-year-old boy.

Army Spc. Bingyan Cai says her son Michael's orange juice contained vodka. She noticed her son turning red, acting unruly and mumbling.

The family received nearly $300 as a refund.

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Vapour trails of adulation

Britain's Royal Air Force Red Arrows fly in formation over Buckingham Palace in London on Tuesday to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. Royal Family members watched in awe as they stood on the palace balcony. PETER MACDIARMID/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Biting spider invasion leaves villagers in fear

Panic in India. But witch doctors' treatments may be worse than the hairy creatures' bites, officials say

Giant biting spiders are sparking a creepy-crawly panic in remote northeast India.

But health authorities fear the primitive treatment of the bites' painful swelling may be more dangerous than the spiders themselves.

Two people died in Tinsukia after witch doctors used razor blades to drain the wounds.

It's not known whether the victims died from spider poison or from the attempted treatment. Local magistrate Kishore Thakuria said the victims were cremated before autopsies could be done.

Is this hairy spider a new species of tarantula? THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another seven bite victims have been treated with antibiotics against infection after they also tried themselves to drain their wounds, said Dr. Anil Phapowali at the local Sadiya town hospital.

The hairy spiders were noticed about a month ago across Tinsukia district's grassy plains and dense jungle forests north of the Brahmaputra River.

Ecologist L.R. Saikia at Assam's Dibrugarh University said it may be a previously unknown species of tarantula.

"It looks like a new species. We haven't been able to identify it," Saikia said Tuesday. Officials can't use antivenom in treating bite victims until the species is identified.

Meanwhile, villagers are keeping lamps on at night and standing guard against spiders entering their mud-and-thatch huts.

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Vatican. Pope's butler questioned in leaks probe

Vatican prosecutors on Tuesday formally questioned the Pope's butler as the investigation into the leaks of papal documents moved into a new phase that could result in a public trial inside the Vatican tribunal over one of the greatest security breaches in the Holy See's recent history.

Paolo Gabriele was arrested May 23 after a significant stash of the Pope's documents were found in his Vatican City apartment. He has been held ever since in a secure room inside the Vatican gendarmerie building, a four-by-four metre (13-by-13-foot) room with a bathroom, window, desk, bed and a crucifix on the wall. He is accused of aggravated theft, and if convicted could face up to six years in prison.

Paolo Papanti-Pelletier, a judge on the Vatican tribunal, told reporters Tuesday that Gabriele had been questioned by the investigating judge Piero Antonio Bonnet on Tuesday morning in the presence of the chief prosecutor and Gabriele's two lawyers. It is the first such formal interrogation and could lead to an indictment or the dropping of charges. The leaks scandal has convulsed the Vatican for months and resulted in an unprecedented investigation into who was responsible. Gabriele was arrested as part of the criminal probe headed by the Pope's personal bodyguard, but a commission of cardinals is also questioning a broad cross-section of Vatican officials and employees, and the Vatican secretariat of state is trying to solve the whodunit as well.

The documents leaked to the press in recent months have alleged corruption in Vatican finances as well as internal bickering over the Holy See's efforts to show more transparency in its financial operations.

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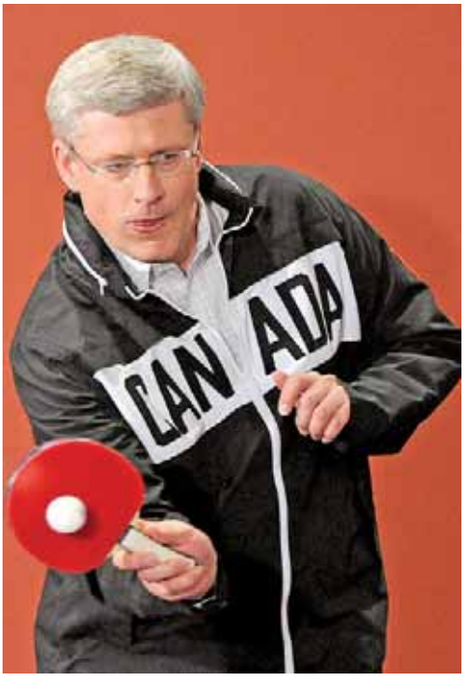
His Holiness

The scandal took on greater weight with the publication last month of "His Holiness," a book that reproduced confidential letters and memos to and from Benedict and his personal secretary.

- The book's author, Gianluigi Nuzzi, has said his sources numbered more than 10, and there are questions about whether Gabriele acted alone.



Rallying at Canada House

Prime Minister Stephen Harper plays a game of table tennis with Team Canada's Mo Zhang, not pictured, at Canada House in London on Tuesday. Canada's table tennis team was introduced Tuesday. Canada House, just steps from Buckingham Palace, will give the families of Canadian athletes a place to socialize and relax during the Olympics. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Health. Sun ages driver dubbed man with two faces

The right side of Bill McElligott's face looks like a healthy 69-year-old's. The left side, the one exposed to the sun for 28 years, looks 20 years older.

McElligott drove an unairconditioned milk delivery truck to stores and gas stations in Chicago for 28 years on a nine-hour route during the day.

Ultraviolet A (UVA) rays transmit through window glass, penetrating the top layers of the skin, dermatologist Dr. Jennifer R.S. Gordon wrote in the New England Journal of Medicine. She had treated McElligott three years ago and discovered he had a dramatic case of unilateral dermatoheliosis: One side of his face was ravaged by the sun, the other wasn't.

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The sun has turned truck driver Bill McElligott into the man with two faces. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Kamloops

Fine, probation for senior who poisoned dog

An 81-year-old Kamloops, B.C., man has been fined and placed on probation after admitting to poisoning a dog that ventured onto his southern Interior hobby farm.

The provincial court judge hearing the case against Attilio Sirianni rejected a conditional discharge for the senior, saying the crime is too serious and deterrence is required.

Instead, Sirianni has been fined $2,000 and placed on probation for one year.

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Tories scrutinized for mock F-35 event

Criticism. Liberals doubt announcement to pursue jet-fighter deal worth $47K

Minister of National Defence Peter MacKay checks out the cockpit of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter in Ottawa on July 16, 2010. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

An oft-maligned 2010 news conference to announce a plan to buy 65 stealth fighters cost taxpayers more than $47,000, say documents tabled in Parliament.

The figure was revealed by Defence Minister Peter MacKay in a written response to an opposition question.

Liberal defence critic John McKay wanted details about the event, which saw MacKay, Public Works Minister Rona Ambrose and Treasury Board President Tony Clement pose with an F-35 mock-up built by manufacturer Lockheed Martin.

The response shows Lockheed Martin offered the model and transported it "to Ottawa via flatbed transport truck" at no charge. The money was well spent, Clement said Tuesday.

"We decided to give a visual portrayal of what we were talking about," he said. "We had over 100 stakeholders who were there, who were invited because they are experts in the field of the fighter jets. I don't think we have to make any apologies about that."

Jay Paxton, a spokesman for the defence minister, says almost half of the $47,313 spent by National Defence went to an audio-visual company that helped stage the event. He says the expense was necessary because of the number of national media outlets and guests present at the event.

The Conservatives have used Parliament's summer recesses to focus on military "announceables." Critics have dismissed them as a publicity stunts designed to limit opposition and public questions.

The news from the event was only that the government intended to pursue a deal to purchase the advanced fighter-bomber, not that a contract had been reached. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Say cheese!

That was one pricey photo-op, say Liberals

The $47,000 price tag made for one expensive photo, the Liberals say.

"I think in the military they call it the hero shot," Liberal defence critic John McKay said. "This was 47-grand for the minister to park his posterior in the airplane and smile for cameras."

It came at the same time the Conservatives were taking heat for spending $2 million on a fake lake to serve as a backdrop at the G8/G20 Summit media centre in Toronto.

"If you can go fake lakes and fake airplanes, then the (communications) message becomes everything and in this case with the F-35 the photo-op was the message," McKay said. "It speaks to the larger issue of the absolute cynicism and contempt that this government has for the Parliament of Canada, members of Parliament and the people of Canada." Before coming to power, the Tories also criticized the Liberals for 'photo-ops'. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Feds to ban key ingredient in 'bath salts' drug

Miami attack. MDPV use linked to bizarre face-chewing incident

A vial containing the drug "bath salts" is displayed at a news conference in Ottawa on Tuesday.
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The Conservative government is moving to ban a controversial street drug linked to the grisly attack in Florida in which an assailant chewed off a portion of a man's face.

The government plans to regulate MDPV, a key ingredient in the drug known as "bath salts," Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq told a news conference Tuesday.

"This action shows our government's commitment to protecting the health and safety of Canadians from this dangerous substance," Aglukkaq said.

"This action helps give law enforcement the tools they need to keep our streets safe from this new and emerging drug that ruins lives and causes havoc in communities across the country."

The drug, which resembles a harmless bath additive, has gained notoriety since the vicious May 26 attack in Miami, where police shot and killed a man who tore his victim's face apart with his teeth.

Media reports suggest police and medical experts believe the bizarre attack was fuelled by MDPV, which police say is marketed as a form of ecstasy.

Aglukkaq says the government intends to add the drug to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, placing it in the same category as heroin and cocaine.

Experts say the drug mimics the effects of certain stimulants, causing agitation and increased heart rate and blood pressure — as well as paranoia, hallucinations and aggressive behaviour. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Appeal. U.S. top court to be asked to give states right to ban gay marriage

The sponsors of California's gay marriage ban said Tuesday they will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to review a landmark appellate court ruling that struck down the law as unconstitutional. The case is the first federal trial to examine whether a state can prohibit gays from getting married without violating their rights.

Alliance Defence Fund lawyer Brian Raum said Proposition 8 backers "absolutely" would take the case to the high court now that it has run its course at the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Raum said he expected to get a ruling from the Supreme Court later this year on whether it would take the case.

The appeals court refused to reconsider a decision by two of its judges declaring the voter-approved ban to be a violation of the civil rights of gays and lesbians in California.

Gay marriage supporters welcomed that news.

"Our case has entered the final chapter. ... The end is now in sight." said Chad Griffin, president of the American Foundation for Equal Rights, which is funding the effort to overturn Proposition 8.

Same-sex unions were briefly legal in California before voters passed Proposition 8 in November 2008. Two unmarried couples sued to overturn the ban in May 2009, and U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker sided with them.

The 9th Circuit panel affirmed Walker's finding, but instead of finding any gay marriage ban would be unconstitutional, the panel limited its decision to California, saying Proposition 8 improperly took away an existing right. The appeals court hears cases from several western states.

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Tahrir 2.0

An Egyptian woman draped in the national flag shouts slogans at a protest in Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt, Tuesday. Egyptian lawmakers say the ruling military council has given them 48 hours to finalize the formation of a 100-member panel tasked to write the country's new constitution, or it will come up with its own blueprint for the body. MANU BRABO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. drone kills al-Qaida's No. 2

Pakistan. Officials say Abu Yahya al-Libi will be difficult for al-Qaida to replace

A U.S. drone strike has killed al-Qaida's second-in-command, an American official said Tuesday, a significant blow to the terror network that has lost a string of top leaders since the death of Osama bin Laden last year.

Abu Yahya al-Libi was considered a media-savvy, charismatic leader who escaped from an American prison in Afghanistan and helped preside over the transformation of al-Qaida into a terror movement aimed at winning converts around the world.

Al-Libi was the latest in the dozen-plus senior commanders removed in the clandestine U.S. war against al-Qaida since Navy SEALs killed bin Laden.

The American official who confirmed al-Libi's death said no one left in al-Qaida comes close to replacing the expertise the group has just lost. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Al-Libi was killed Monday morning. Pakistani officials had previously said that eight militants died in a drone strike in the Pakistani village of Khassu Khel in the North Waziristan tribal area.

Al-Libi, a hero in militant circles for his 2005 escape from an American military prison in Afghanistan, was elevated to al-Qaida's No. 2 spot when Ayman al-Zawahri rose to replace bin Laden shortly after he was killed on May 2, 2011.

The State Department's Rewards for Justice program had set a $1 million reward for information leading to al-Libi, who had filmed numerous propaganda videos urging attacks on U.S. targets.

The U.S. has carried out a flurry of drone strikes recently — seven in less than two weeks — some of which appear to have been trying to target al-Libi. The stepping up of drone strikes since late May follows a relative lull driven by tensions between Washington and Islamabad over American airstrikes last year that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers.

The attacks are unpopular in Pakistan because many people believe they mostly kill civilians, an allegation disputed by the U.S. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cuba could lose trademark in rum war with U.S.

A man works on the assembly line at the Havana Club rum factory in Havana in this 2010 file photo. FRANKLIN REYES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There was the Cold War, the Bay of Pigs and the Cuban Missile Crisis, and there is still no end in sight to U.S.-Cuban animosity.

Now a bitter dispute over a spirit appears to be nearing an end after more than a decade of legal wrangling.

Time and again, U.S. courts have ruled against Cuba in its fight to control the U.S. rights to the trademark Havana Club, the island's flagship rum brand that is sold in more than 120 countries around the world — but not in the United States.

By mid-June, Cuba could lose all chance of pressing its legal claims against Bacardi, which distributes a limited quantity of its own Havana Club rum in Florida and says it plans to expand to other states in the near future.

Indignant over what it considers wholesale piracy of a national icon, Cuba accuses the U.S. of using an under-the-radar manoeuvre to block it from paying the small patent-renewal fee, and has raised its concerns at increasingly high levels of government.

If the patent expires, Cuba says it could retaliate toward U.S. trademarks currently protected on the island.

Such retaliation might have limited immediate impact, as most U.S. goods are barred from being sold to the island under the 50-year-old U.S. embargo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Havana Club

Cuba has held the trademark in the U.S. since 1976 after the Cuban family that originally owned the brand let their registration lapse.

- Cuba says it has been unable to renew because the U.S. Treasury Department has not issued a license to make the $200 payment.

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Acquisition. Google buys popular Quickoffice app

Google is buying Quickoffice, the maker of a mobile application for working on documents created in Microsoft's programs for word processing, spreadsheets and presentations.

The deal announced Tuesday gives Google Inc. more tools to undercut Microsoft Corp., one of its biggest rivals, as more people get work done on smartphones and tablets.

Quickoffice makes those devices compatible with Microsoft Office even if the software suite isn't installed on them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By the numbers

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More than 400 million devices are currently equipped with the Quickoffice app, which costs $15 to $20.

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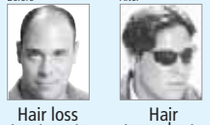

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Canada's richest aren't all bankers and brokers: Study

Top one per cent. Only a small portion of the country's highest salary earners work in finance, despite being the target of Occupy protesters

To be considered in Canada's richest one per cent, you need to make at least $230,000 a year. You're most likely male, have a university degree and work longer than average hours.

But you're not necessarily a banker or Bay Street investment broker — the primary targets of the Occupy protest movement — a new study by a group of economists at the University of British Columbia found.

But only 10 per cent of Canada's richest work in the financial industry, the study found. The rest are doctors, dentists, vets and corporate managers.

Occupy Bay Street protest in Toronto last October.
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"In the eyes of many, the culprits are to be found at the very place where the Occupy movement started: on Wall Street, or our own Bay Street," the study said. "But there are just not enough investment bankers and high-flying stock brokers to fill the ranks of the 275,000 individuals in the top one per cent."

The paper, called Canadian Inequality: Recent Development and Policy Options, is the latest to look at the growing problem of income inequality.

The top one per cent of Canadians now controls 14 per cent of total income, the paper found, noting that they enjoyed just eight per cent in the 1970s.

"Such an uneven distribution of income has not been seen since the dark days of the Great Depression when it reached an all-time high of 18 per cent," the paper notes.

It found that despite impressive wage gains made by women over the past few decades, the top one per cent of income earners is overwhelmingly (82.5 per cent) male. On average, they earn $450,000 a year versus $36,000 for the other 99 per cent.

They're more likely to be university educated (58 per cent have bachelor's degrees versus 19 per cent of the total population).

They're more likely to put in long hours; 52 per cent work at least 50 hours a week compared to 20 per cent of the rest of the population.

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The richest one per cent

- **Earnings:** $452,887/year
- **Gender:** 82.7 per cent male
- **Work:** 50+ hours/week
- **Age:** 35 to 64 years
- **Occupation:** Senior management, doctors, dentists, vets, finance professionals

Ultrabook takes on iPad

Taiwan's struggling computer makers are promoting a new generation of ultra-thin laptops that might be their last hope of turning back the seemingly unstoppable momentum of Apple's iPad and other hot-selling tablets. The brainchild of Intel Corp., the laptop-tablet hybrid known as Ultrabook is only 20 mm thick. Taipei's Computex, the world's second-largest computer show, displayed more than a dozen 12- to 17-inch Ultrabook models powered by Intel's new generation of "Ivy Bridge" processors, which were unveiled in April.

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Natural gas. Shell backs new pipeline in B.C.

TransCanada Corp. said Tuesday it has been chosen by Shell Canada Ltd. to build, own and operate a $4-billion natural gas pipeline across northern British Columbia.

The Calgary-based company said the pipeline will transport natural gas from the Montney region in northeastern B.C. to a liquefied natural gas export facility near Kitimat, B.C.

The Coastal GasLink pipeline is expected to run about 700 kilometres with an estimated initial capacity of 1.7 billion cubic feet per day. An estimated 2,000 to 2,500 jobs will be created to construct the line over two to three years.

Kitimat is also the endpoint for the $5.5-billion Northern Gateway pipeline project that proposes to transport from Alberta's oilsands to the B.C. coast through a 1,100-kilometre pipeline.

Northern Gateway has been criticized by environmental groups, First Nations and B.C.'s Opposition New Democrats. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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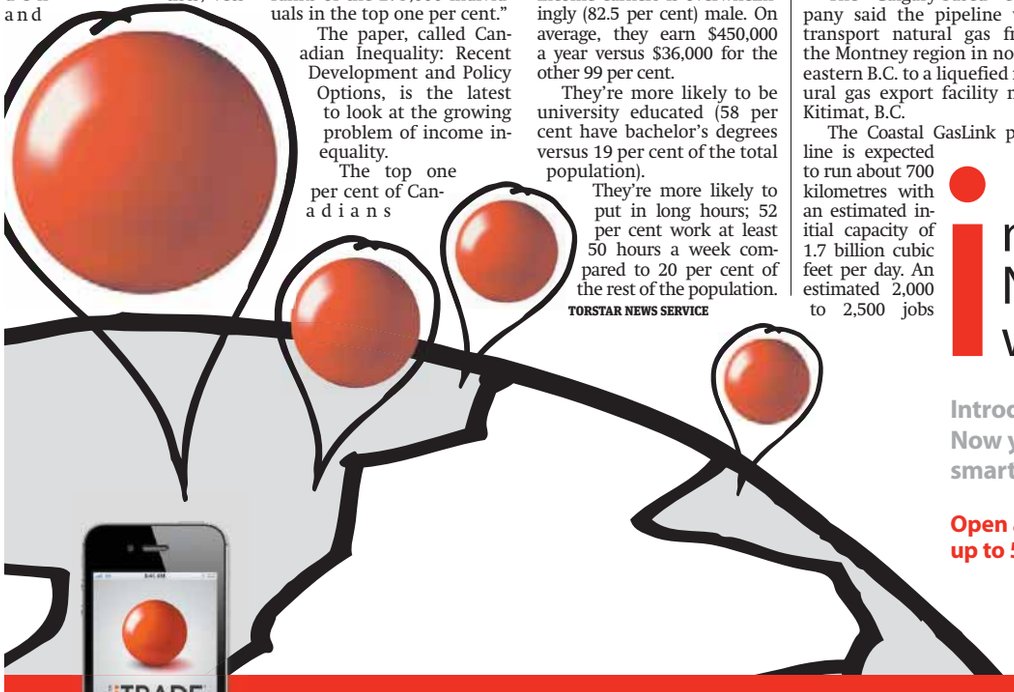
Economy

Global conditions have weakened: Bank of Canada

The Bank of Canada is holding off on raising interest rates for a while longer — perhaps a lot longer — citing worsening global conditions and an uneven Canadian recovery that is not quite as strong as advertised.

The decision to keep the bank's trendsetting overnight rate at one per cent for the 14th consecutive policy announcement was widely expected.

Also not surprisingly, the Bank of Canada has quickly acknowledged that the hopeful monetary policy review delivered by Gov. Mark Carney in April may have been premature. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Cleo was a retriever, but as time went on she increasingly relied on symbolic fetching. In The Stupid Rock Game, I threw a stone in the water, and Cleo nodded half-heartedly in the direction of the stone. Repeat ad nauseam. She could play the game all day, as I had to do the throwing. After a while I'd get tired of the Stupid Rock Game, and start to walk away. That would be her cue to plunge her head into the water, stay under for an alarming period of time, and then emerge, triumphant, with a giant rock in her jaws, which she would dump at my feet, a symbol for all the little rocks she refused to retrieve.

The Stupid Rock Game

"I threw a stone in the water, and Cleo nodded half-heartedly in the direction of the stone. Repeat ad nauseam. She could play the game all day, as I had to do the throwing."

On her last night, she came up with one mighty fine rock.

On the way back home, she managed to find something smelly to roll in — bonus — and when we got home my daughter got out the whipped cream in a spray can and gave her a mighty dose. If all dogs go to heaven, she was there a night early.

I don't know about your dog, but Cleo was The Best Dog Ever. She had the knack of making each person around her feel as if they were the one she loved best. Some dogs are one-person dogs; others are members of a family pack. Cleo was a world dog, the Chevy Cruze of dogs. She even loved postal workers.

She wasn't fussy: She even liked me. I'd be trying to read, ignoring the dog, even as she went through her entire repertoire of attractive-dog tricks: Baleful-puppy-stare-great-thumping-tail-roll-over-shake-a-paw-woof-impatiently. When none of that worked, she stuck her nose under my free hand and petted herself. Resourceful dog.

She even liked going to the vet. And this last time she must have thought: This is great. The guy gets to pat my head while they give me this needle.

Or maybe she knew. She knew everything else worth knowing.

She died with her head in my hands.

Weird news

Turkey break-in ruffles feathers

A LaSalle, Ont., resident arrived home Saturday evening to a smashed window, a mess in his living room and an unexpected feathery intruder waiting on his couch.

The break-and-enter was the doing of a giant turkey, which also left "poop" and "a blood spot the size of a 50-cent piece" in their living room.

Ken Stroud, 70, who had been out with his wife that day, was the first to spot the 18-inch hole in their window. He initially thought someone had thrown a rock into their house, and walked unsuspectingly into his dark living room — until he saw something move.

"It's a wild turkey and it's sitting on the arm of my chesterfield," said Stroud about his calm 25-pound intruder. "He was sitting there as if he lived there.

"The wife was hysterical," said Stroud, who guarded his wife Mary while she made her way into one of the rooms.

Stroud says the humane society captured the bird quickly, with just a net and blanket. They've been told the bird is doing well and will be released back into the wild.

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Last-place finish, first-class sportsmanship

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Running the good race

Athlete pushes flagging rival over finish line

Meghan Vogel of West Liberty-Salem, right, helps Arden McMath of Arlington to the finish line after McMath collapsed yards short in the DIII 3,200-metre final of the Ohio High School Athletic Association state track meet at Jesse Owens Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, last Saturday.

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She ain't heavy

- **Vogel had won an earlier race, but was in last place in the 3,200-metre run as she caught up to McMath, whose body was giving out.**
- **Instead of zipping past McMath to avoid the last-place finish, Vogel put McMath's arm around her shoulders, dragged her the final few metres and pushed her competitor over the finish line before crossing it herself.**

On the right track

20

Number of metres Vogel hauled McMath before sending her opponent over the finish line first.

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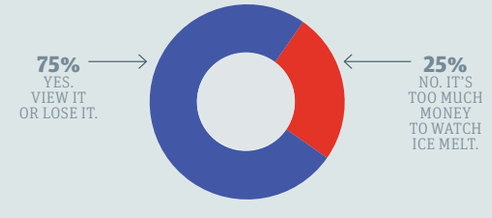

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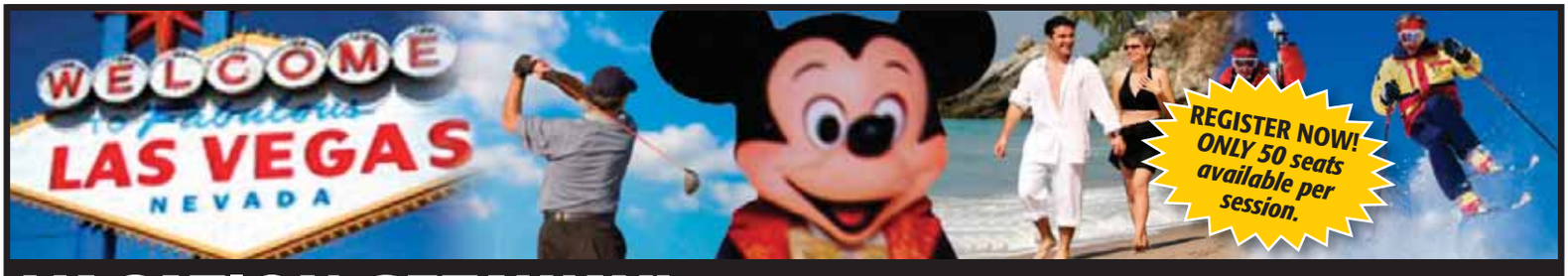

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Michael Fassbender plays David 8, a synthetic human automaton ancestor of Alien's Ash, in the upcoming film Prometheus. HANDOUT

Prometheus, a prequel or not a prequel to Alien?

Space opera. Screenwriters call Ridley Scott's newest film 'an Alien/Blade Runner mash-up'

IN FOCUS
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Prometheus, a prequel, or not a prequel? That is the question.

It's a query many have made about the new Ridley Scott space opera. The trailer looks and feels like a chronological cousin to his 1979 classic sci-fi horror epic Alien but the director denies it is a prequel.

Here's what we know. When Scott sat down to write Prometheus (with screenwriters Jon Spaihts and Damon Lindelof, who calls it "an Alien/Blade Runner mash-up") he had a prequel in mind featuring Xenomorphs, the acid-tongued space baddies who gave the first movie its name, and the giant dead alien nicknamed Space Jockey. But then he veered off into something larger; mankind's origin story.

"Out of the creative process emerged a new, grand mythology," he said. "The keen fan will recognize strands of Alien's DNA ... but the ideas tackled in this film are unique, far-reaching and provocative."

Still, Prometheus, which is set in the same universe as Alien, seems to provide the backstory which points forward to the original film.

Firstly, Prometheus is set in 2085, 37 years before the Weyland-Yutani Corporation (which also appears in Prometheus, simply as The Weyland Corporation) sent the commercial towing spaceship Nostromo on its fateful trip from Thedus to Earth in Alien.

Next, while the Xenomorphs may not appear in the acid-spitting form we're used to — "The sequels squeezed him dry," Scott says, "no way am I going back there" — they aren't completely absent. Artist H.R. Giger, who created the beasts in the first film, was brought back to "reverse-engineer the design of the Aliens in the film" to create a Xenomorph forbearer.

Also, Michael Fassbender plays David 8, a synthetic human automaton ancestor of Alien's Ash.

Further evidence came in a trailer that shows star Noomi Rapace standing in front of two unworn Space Jockey suits, suits which will soon be donned, perhaps, by the hapless space jockey seen in Alien.

Finally Scott promises a scene to equal the horror of Alien's "chest-burster" mind-blower, in which an alien parasite exploded out of John Hurt's torso. It's an iconic moment that no prequel could be without, right?

"There is a scene that could be called the equivalent of that in this film," Scott admits.

Even though the prequel debate rages on, the one thing nobody is questioning is how exciting it is to have Ridley Scott back in the sci-fi genre after a 33-year gap.

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Scene in brief

Whitney Houston's mother to pen memoir

Whitney Houston's triumphant, heartbreaking life is being remembered in a book by her mother, singer Cissy Houston. Houston has a deal with HarperCollins for a memoir it says will reveal the story of her Grammy Award-winning daughter, who died in a Beverly Hills, Calif., hotel bathtub in February at age 48. HarperCollins announced Monday that the book is scheduled to come out next February. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, N.J., where Whitney Houston sang as a child and where her funeral was held.

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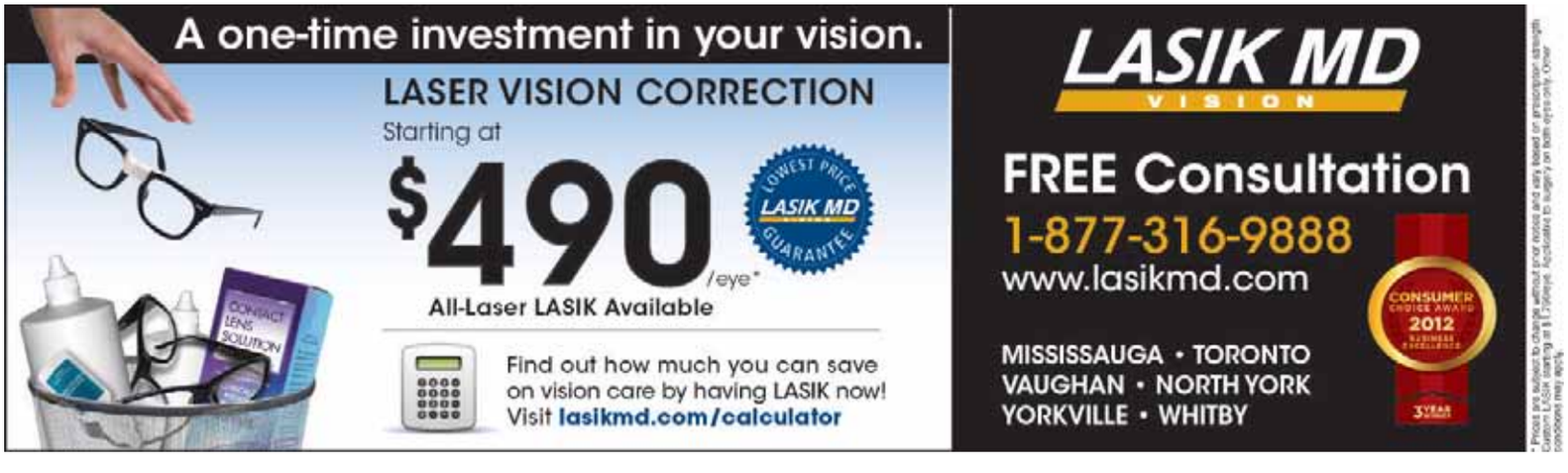

Japandroids fly high with new record

Celebration Rock. The same style but a new confidence — indie rockers return with second album

The Japandroids say they didn't need to change the formula to make a better record. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

Sometimes, an indie band riding a maelstrom of hype from a rough-hewn debut will get a little carried away on a sophomore record — producers are hired, edges are polished, bloat is tolerated. Not so for Japandroids.

Following breakthrough noise-pop pounder Post-Nothing, the band changed virtually nothing. Celebration Rock — in stores now — features the same two people recording in the same Vancouver studio with the same engineer wrapping the same number of songs in the same comfortable coat of fuzz. In a bizarre coincidence, it even has almost the same run-time, differing by only 30 seconds.

And it sure is fitting for a group that has made its name on anthems of arrested adolescence to greet musical maturity with stubborn defiance. But frontman Brian King says the band had simply grown so much in the past three years since releasing its debut, it didn't need to change anything else.

Most important of all? The man who describes the band's breakout debut as "sort of an accident" says he finally became confident in what the duo was doing.

"When we were first starting ... we literally had no idea what we were doing. Arguably, we still don't," King said in a recent telephone interview from Vancouver.

"(But) we were confident that we had gotten so much better at not only writing songs, but also just playing our instruments ... and that coupled with the fact that Jesse (Gander) is a light-years-better recording engineer now than he was three years ago, we just knew we didn't need to change the formula to make a better record.

"It was just inherently going to be better if we just went and did the same thing."

And, it would seem, they were right. Early reviews have been every bit as breathless as the last-night-on-earth exigency featured on the album, with taste-making Chicago zine Pitchfork lavishing the "awe-inspiring" record with its rare "best new music" distinction and Rolling Stone calling the disc "one of the year's most thrilling rock records."

So yes, it'll all be familiar to fans of the duo's superlative debut. Guitars are strummed furiously, King hollers as if he can't physically contain the words any longer and somehow the band arrives at pop bliss more often than not, particularly on the wistful Younger Us and downright belligerent The House That Heaven Built.

Everything is urgent, everything is of the utmost importance. Every night seems to linger perilously on the brink between celebration and catastrophe. With Japandroids, there is no in-between, though this set certainly reflects King's desire to hedge on the side of positivity.

People who like it and don't like it will probably offer the same feedback — every song sounds the same — and that doesn't ruffle King. "It's very easy for us to recognize that while we might only do one thing well, we do do that one thing pretty well," King said cheerfully. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"It was just inherently going to be better if we just went and did the same thing."
Brian King on Japandroids' new album

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A scene from Einstein on the Beach. HANDOUT

Here comes Luminato

There's a lot going on at Toronto's Sony Centre over the next few weeks.

To help kick off the Luminato Festival of Arts and Creativity, the Sony Centre is pleased to house the North American revival of noted American composer Philip Glass's almost forgotten 1976 operatic masterpiece: Einstein on the Beach. Einstein on the Beach celebrates the famous mathematician's life through music.

Other Luminato highlights memorialize the 200-year anniversary of the War of 1812. The Canadian Children's Opera Company will premiere Laura's Cow, a retelling of the infamous Laura Secord story while a brand new Phillip Glass composition, Overture for 2012, will help close this year's festival.

And while the Luminato Festival is still going strong, Yanni, one of the world's most well-known pianists, will be visiting the Sony Centre where he will be bringing his own brand of self-taught musicality to Toronto for two shows on June 16 and 17. An Evening With Yanni, will feature Yanni as well as some other world-renowned musicians for an intimate evening of music.

Einstein on the Beach premieres at Toronto's Sony Centre this Friday. Luminato runs until June 17 and includes a plethora of free and ticketed events. Make sure to check out Luminato's website at www.luminato.com for a complete overview of this year's amazing programming.

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Actress Megan Hilty from Smash arrives for the NBC network upfront presentation at Radio City Music Hall in New York on May 14. The recent season finale of the show had fans questioning the fate of Hilty's conniving character.
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Smash star Megan Hilty says her troubled character will be back

Upcoming lineup.
NBC show's season finale sees exit of past characters, but will open the door for newcomers next season

The recent season finale of Smash had fans questioning the fate of Megan Hilty's conniving character after — spoiler alert! — she lost the part of Marilyn Monroe and was seen in her dressing room with a bunch of pills in her hand.

But Hilty assures we haven't seen the end of troubled Ivy.

"It's a good sign that I'm here," Hilty said with a laugh in an interview at CTV's downtown Toronto studio on Thursday as the network, which airs Smash in Canada, unveiled its upcoming lineup.

"I will be back but I don't know in what capacity. I'm not quite sure what the storylines will be but I know I'll be back, probably causing a lot more drama next season."

When asked about reports that series co-stars Brian d'Arcy James and Will Chase are leaving the show, Hilty said: "Yeah, that's what I read, too."

"And I've talked to them all and stuff and unfortunately it is a part of our business, and it's something (the characters) deal with on Smash even," said Hilty. "But just because people are gone now doesn't mean they can't come back later, so nothing's ever definite."

Hilty performed a medley with actor Cheyenne Jackson on June 4 as part of the fundraiser "Barack on Broadway" featuring U.S. President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton, in New York. When she returns to the set of Smash, she's hoping her character "can have a small victory," she said.

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Cast overhaul

Some characters won't be returning on a regular basis for Season 2 of the NBC series, about the making of the fictional Monroe musical Bombshell on Broadway.

- They include fired personal assistant Ellis (Jaime Cepero) and Dev (Raza Jaffrey), fiancé to lead character Karen (Katherine McPhee), said Hilty.
- The cast overhaul comes after Smash creator and show runner Theresa Rebeck recently announced she's leaving the series to pursue other projects. Her replacement is Josh Safran.

Kendra's right where she wants to be

MARY ANN GEORGANTOPOULOS
Metro World News in New York City

Fun-loving Kendra Wilkinson-Baskett, who captured fans' hearts on Girls Next Door and Kendra, is back — sans the drama.

The former Playboy model returns to the small screen with her new reality show, Kendra on Top, which premiered this week on WE tv in the U.S.

"This new season is completely different from my previous shows," says Wilkinson-Baskett. "Kendra on Top feels like a lighter and happier show. We're finally where we want to be."

Wilkinson-Baskett and her family — husband and former NFL athlete Hank Baskett III, plus son Hank IV — faced some struggles during her last reality show on E!

"There was a gray cloud hovering over me," she says of Kendra.

But she's found her party-girl groove again now that she and her family have a home.

"We're stable and we're settled with an amazing two-year-old son. We have balance," she says.

Don't worry: Wilkinson-Baskett didn't forget the fact that her fans fell in love with her outrageous personality.

Changing course

"Moving around for my husband's career was hard. I couldn't be happy; I was miserable."
Kendra Wilkinson-Baskett

"I always kept in mind what people think of me," she says. "I'm bubbly and outspoken, and for a while I lost that. I was a victim of my husband's career. I'm back to being myself."

So what got the star out of her darkness? Patience, she says.

"You can't give up. You have to know that there's a light at the end of the tunnel. Change is hard, but you have to play the game," she adds.

Expanding the family?

Wilkinson-Baskett says she and her husband have begun discussing having another child.

"There are no plans yet, but in a couple of months, why not?" she says. "Hank wants baby No. 2 more than I do."

As for Little Hank?

He's so good with other kids, "it's almost like he's asking for a brother or sister," she says.

Former professional football player Hank Baskett and TV personality Kendra Wilkinson arrive at Spike TV's 6th Annual Guys Choice Awards at Sony Pictures Studios on June 2 in Culver City, Calif. FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY IMAGES

Lady Gaga ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

She's still gaga over Taylor Kinney

The breakup between Lady Gaga and boyfriend Taylor Kinney apparently didn't last, as Kinney has been spotted alongside the touring singer in Thailand and Singapore, according to Us Weekly. "They sure looked like they were back together — holding hands and being cute everywhere they went," a source says. "They were seen kissing right as they got into the hotel elevator." The couple had split after 10 months of dating because of Gaga's busy tour itinerary, but apparently they couldn't stand being apart. "They are going to try and make it work even with her crazy schedule," says a source close to the singer. "Gaga realized she missed him."

Measha Brueggergosman expecting a baby

Grammy-nominated Canadian soprano Measha Brueggergosman has announced that she's pregnant and expecting a baby boy at the end of the summer. A representative for the 34-year-old Fredericton native, recently seen as a judge on Canada's Got Talent, confirmed the news via email. The rep also confirmed that Brueggergosman has reconciled with husband Markus Brueggergosman after a brief separation. The news comes after a turbulent few years for the Juno-winning singer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Twitter

@Joan_Rivers
Madonna launched her world tour in Tel Aviv and she looks great...for a woman only 10 years younger than the State of Israel.

@justinbieber
note to self don't leave twitter open and unattended!

@joelmchale
My spirit animal got out again. If you see him (he's probably by some turned garage cans) he responds to the name Týr & speaks old English.

@SarahKSilverman
Call clowns what they really are- smiling murderers

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Gwyneth Paltrow seeks tweet justice

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Gwyneth Paltrow has spent the past couple days dealing with the fallout over her now infamous tweet from a Jay-Z and Kanye West concert in France.

(Your day doesn't include petty Twitter arguments? Fascinating. We'll catch you up: she tweeted a photo of herself dancing on stage with the rappers and a caption that read "N***as in paris for real.")

Most people weren't buying Paltrow's initial argument that the caption was a harmless play on a song title from the Jay-Z/West album Watch the Throne — probably because she runs a "lifestyle" blog and starred in Shakespeare in Love.

But now The-Dream has jumped in to defend the actress, claiming that he took the photo from her phone and also sent the offending tweet.

"Fyi Sorry for the Confu I typed Ni**as in paris for real from Gwens Phone my bad I was Fkd up please excuse it! We were lit!" the rapper posted to his own Twitter page.

Now, we're going to let Twitter and The-Dream sort out who is allowed to say what words and when — real issues aren't really this page's department. Plus, we think there's a bigger question here: where does drinking backstage at a Jay-Z concert fit into Mrs. Coldplay's aggressively calculated Whitest Girl in Yoga Pants resumé? Jay, you might want to get someone on this.

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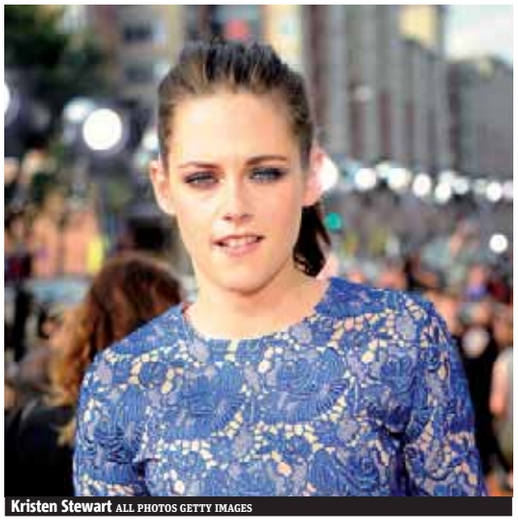

Kristen Stewart ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kristen Stewart dishes on fame

Kristen Stewart has gotten used to life in the spotlight, but she still remembers the day it all started, right around the release of the first Twilight movies. "You can Google my name and one of the first things that comes up is images of me sitting on my front porch smoking a pipe with my ex-boyfriend and my dog. It was taken the day the movie came out. I was no one. I was a kid. I had just turned 18," Stewart tells Vanity Fair. "The next day it was like I was a delinquent slimy idiot, whereas I'm kind of a weirdo, creative Valley Girl who smokes pot. Big deal. But that changed my daily life instantly. I didn't go out in my underwear anymore."

Jason Alexander apologizes for 'gay game' remark

Former Seinfeld star Jason Alexander is offering an apology for his comments about cricket, which he called "a gay game" during an interview with Craig Ferguson. "A few of my Twitter followers made me aware that they were both gay and offended by the joke. And truthfully, I could not understand why," Alexander posted to Twitter. "And the worst part is, I should know better. My daily life is filled with gay men and women, both socially and professionally. I am profoundly aware of the challenges these friends of mine face and I have openly advocated on their behalf. So, I can only apologize and I do."

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"I should know better. My daily life is filled with gay men and women, both socially and professionally."
Jason Alexander

Jason Alexander

Will Kopelman and Drew Barrymore

First comes love, then comes marriage. . .

During his wedding to Drew Barrymore, Will Kopelman took a moment to acknowledge that their family is about to expand, according to Us Weekly.

"Everyone knows the baby's coming, so there wasn't much talk about it," a source says of Barrymore's pregnancy.

"Will said something like, 'I'm excited to marry you. I'm excited to meet the newest member of our family.'"

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"Everyone knows the baby is coming, so there wasn't much talk about it." Source

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5 Disneyland experiences

For the sci-fi fan

Fly through the stars at Space Mountain. For nearly three minutes, the rollercoaster hurtles, corkscrews and twists its way through the indoor track, lit only by the stars as you soar through the darkness of space. Built in 1977, this timeless coaster is a cornerstone of Disneyland's futuristic — and kitschy — Tomorrowland. A stone's throw from Space Mountain is Star Tours: The Adventures Continue, a technological world away from Space Mountain. This 3D ride, guided by C-3PO, allows you to be a space tourist.

For the wannabe sailor

One of the park's oldest attractions, the Jungle Cruise in Adventureland, takes you on a boat tour of a reptile-filled river. The cruise is led by a Disney cast member, who provides commentary as your steamer passes by animatronic elephants, snakes and monkeys. Pirates of the Caribbean, another original attraction, got an update just as the hit films came out. This ride features appearances by Captain Jack Sparrow and other characters you'll recognize from the movie.

For the film enthusiast

Now referred to as a "tribute" to Michael Jackson, Captain EO is still being screened at Disneyland. The 3D film was directed by Francis Ford Coppola and features Jackson using song and dance to transform the evil Supreme Leader into a beautiful woman — played by Angelica Houston.

Located near the entrance of California Adventure, Soarin' Over California takes its audience on a high-flying tour of the state — from the coast to the mountains. A cantilever lifts the seated audience into the air and into a concaved video screen that makes you feel like you are flying high above some of the state's best-known features.

For the happily spooked

It's not very scary, but the Haunted Mansion can still attract a crowd. Sitting in Doom Buggies, you are taken on a tour of the mansion and introduced to some of the scary spectres that call the old plantation house home.

For a modern scare, It's Tough to be a Bug gives you an up-close look at the creepy, crawly characters that live all around us. Not only is the show in 3D thanks to the Bug Eyes provided, but it also features stinky smells, spraying water, and seats wired to give you a creepy-crawling feeling that the bugs are too close for comfort.

For the kid at heart

No trip to Disneyland is complete without a visit to it's a Small World — the much lauded animatronics-filled boat ride through the cultures of the world. Warning: You will have the song stuck on continuing loop for the remainder of your trip.

For a modern small world, visit Toy Story Midway Mania. The 4D ride features spinning vehicles that take you from one screen to another. At each stop you try to hit Toy Story-related targets that pop up on the screens.

3 LIFE

Travel in brief

App to keep travellers healthy

A new app might prove useful to Canadians heading out on a road trip this summer and seeking timely health-related information along the way. The free app for Apple devices offers up-to-date details on public health and environmental advisories across the country, says its developer Health & Safety Watch Inc. "Everything can change very rapidly — for example a destination that had safe drinking water when you left on your road trip may actually be under a boil water advisory by the time you arrive," says Jeff Aramini, company president and a former Health Canada senior public health epidemiologist.

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Roy Lichtenstein's widow Dorothy says she hopes the exhibit will show people the diversity of her late husband's work. CARYN ROUSSEAU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There's more to Lichtenstein than a few cartoon frames

Retrospective. Famed pop artist's work featured this summer in a travelling exhibit

Nearly 15 years after his death, fans of pop artist Roy Lichtenstein can take in a comprehensive exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago that spans his famous cartoons from the 1960s to more muted Asian-inspired works from the 1990s.

The exhibit opens with the 1961 work Look Mickey, I've Hooked a Big One!! The piece, a riff on Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck in bright blue, red and yellow, is considered a landmark that helped transform the perception of commercial art into fine art, while placing Lichtenstein, along with Andy Warhol, at the forefront of the Pop Art movement.

Roy Lichtenstein: A Retrospective is the "first major retrospective to broadly examine his art since his death," according to the museum. The exhibition includes nearly 170 paintings, sculptures and drawings done between 1950 and his death in 1997, aged 73.

It opened in May and will stay in Chicago through Sept. 3. It will travel to Washington, London and Paris over the next year. The works include established, well-known pieces as well as pictures that have rarely been seen. Among them are Lichtenstein's interpretations of everyday objects: a ball of twine, a hot dog or a wedding ring.

"Roy was able to transform them and show them to us again in a new way," said James Rondeau, the exhibit's co-curator. "He was able to show us something new about the world in which we live."

Over the years, Lichtenstein also did paintings of mirrors, of brush strokes, of interiors, re-interpretations of works by Picasso, Mondrian, Leger, Monet and Cezanne. Meanwhile, his originals sold for millions. Many of the works feature signature bold black outlines and use of Ben-Day dots, the small coloured dots used in comic books, named for printer Benjamin Henry Day.

Lichtenstein reproduced the dots used in comic strips by laying a metal screen over his canvas, spreading paint with a roller and rubbing it in with a toothbrush.

Jack Cowart, executive director of The Roy Lichtenstein Foundation, said the retrospective exposes the intricacy of Lichtenstein's art. "This is all about a career that is much more complex than people would have thought previously," Cowart said.

Lichtenstein's widow, Dorothy Lichtenstein said she wants the show to give people a broader appreciation for her late husband's work.

"I hope people come away realizing that he did more than some cartoon frames," Lichtenstein said.

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If you go...

- **Roy Lichtenstein: A Retrospective.** Through Sept. 3 at the Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave., roy.artic.edu/ or 312-443-3600. Open daily 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursday until 8 p.m. Adults, $18; children 14 and over, students and seniors 65 and over, $12. The exhibit will be on display at the National Gallery of Art in Washington from Oct. 14 to Jan. 6, 2013; the Tate Modern in London from Feb. 21, 2013, to May 27, 2013; and the Centre Pompidou in Paris from July 3, 2013, to Nov. 4, 2013.

Lichtenstein's Keds is part of the exhibit that's touring this summer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In 1604, a small band of French settlers that included explorer Samuel de Champlain landed on the shores of Saint-Croix Island. The group of 80 called its new surroundings "Acadie." Today, there is an estimated two million Acadians worldwide, and one-third of New Brunswick's population is Acadian.

The communities along the province's Acadian coastline are peppered with museums and living-history villages that illustrate four centuries of history and culture. The Acadian lifestyle has primarily been shaped by the land through farming and the sea through fishing.

At Village Historique Acadien in Caraquet, visitors can mingle with "interpreters" as they perform chores in period buildings. At Le Pays de la Sagouine, a living-history village in Bouctouche, they are treated to La Sagouine, one of Antonine Maillet's great fictional characters. Born in Bouctouche in 1929, Maillet is an award-winning novelist, playwright and scholar; her 1971, one-woman play La Sagouine gave voice to a renewed sense of Acadian culture and pride.

MUSIC

There is an old saying that Acadians are born with songs in their veins and music in their fingertips. Singing still plays an important role in many Acadian schools, where youth choirs regularly compete in music festivals. New Brunswick musicians have performed everything from folk, country and bluegrass to pop, rock and classical.

Currently making waves is 21-year-old "folk-trash" singer/songwriter and musician Lisa LeBlanc, who hails from the village of Rosaireville (population 40). Now living in Montreal, LeBlanc's recently released self-titled debut album is being praised by both fans and critics.

FOOD

No visit to Acadie would be complete without sampling some traditional cuisine. Acadians continue to make family recipes that have been passed down through the centuries. These include poutine rapée (shredded potatoes shaped into a ball with pieces of pork in the middle), fricot (a stew made with diced potatoes, onion, broth and chicken, meat or fish) and pets de soeurs (although the literal translation is "nun's farts," these are cinnamon rolls!).

FESTIVALS

Nothing unites the myriad Acadian elements better than the Festival acadien de Caraquet, which is held annually from Aug. 1-15 and is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Some 200 artists perform a variety of acts for the up to 80,000 people who attend. There are cabarets, a poetry festival, a song gala, a "blessing of the fleet" to honour fishermen lost at sea, and pop, jazz and classical concerts. The festival includes a "tintamarre," the Acadian tradition where people march through the community making noise. There is a real Mardi Gras feel to this lively festival.

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Three days in San Francisco

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METRO WORLD NEWS

Day One

Morning: Begin your day with a visit to the Ferry Building Market Place and Farmers Market. Grab a latte at Peet's Coffee and Tea and take a walk along the waterfront before stopping at Scharffen Berger Chocolate Maker to pick up one of their signature 70 per cent bittersweet chocolate bars. Follow it up with a trip to Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf, and watch sea lions sun themselves. Or grab tickets for a boat tour of the harbour or trip to Alcatraz, the historic prison located a few hundred meters off shore. fishermanswharf.org

Afternoon: Have lunch on the outdoor patio of Café Flore, located on Market Street in the Castro area. Spend the afternoon visiting the historic community, once home to Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man elected to public office. From there, visit Haight-Ashbury, ground central of the 1967 Summer of Love, before heading to the de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park, which is currently featuring an exhibit on Jean Paul Gaultier, and is also home to an observatory tower with panoramic views of the city. deyoung.famsf.org

Evening: Enjoy a Remember the Maine cocktail at The Burritt Room, located inside the Mystic Hotel by Charlie Palmer. The 79-room boutique hotel recently opened near Union Square, and its film noir-inspired bar and restaurant features hand-crafted signature drinks. The Burritt also provides room service to the guests of the black, white and red-decorated hotel. charliepalmer.com

Day Two

Morning: Opened in 2009, the Walt Disney Family Museum offers a behind-the-mouse look at the man responsible for some of the world's most cherished family films. The well-laid out museum includes exhibits on the Disney family, the inspiration behind Walt's creations, and a look at his legacy. You'll even learn about the Disney family's Canadian connection: they used to have a homestead in the Goderich-Ont., area. disney.go.com

Afternoon: The museum is located in the Presidio, an area of the city that was once a military instillation but is now being developed commercially and residentially. It's home to Crissy Field, an environmental education centre, and the Golden Gate Bridge. To mark the bridge's 75th anniversary, a brand new pavilion has been built to house a gift shop and interpretive exhibits. There's also a green screen photo area, where visitors can have their photo taken and superimposed on a part of the bridge usually off-limits to the public. goldengatebridge.org

Evening: Enjoy a meal at trendy Urban Tavern, located in the Hilton San Francisco Union Square. The gastro pub is popular with visitors to the city and locals alike. Be sure to check out the full-size horse sculpture near the centre of the restaurant. A local artist who welded together tractor, motorcycle and automobile parts made it. urbantavernsf.com

Day Three

Morning: Spend your morning in Muir Woods National Monument where you can stroll along paths lined by centuries-old redwoods. Located on the northern side of the harbour, you can either rent a car and drive the winding path to the park, or jump on one of the tour buses that travel from San Francisco to the woods — like popular Extranomical Tours. Head out in the morning to beat the crowds and watch as the sun rises higher in the sky, causing water to steam off the wooden paths and buildings. extranomical.com

Afternoon: From the park, drive to the Sanoma and Napa valleys, where you can tour a number of the wineries and taste some of their vintages before buying a bottle or two. Make sure to have lunch at The Girl and the Fig in Sonoma. Its gastronomical creations are made using local ingredients, and for a light lunch try a plate of local artisan cheeses paired with a bottle of wine. thegirlandthefig.com

Evening: End your stay in San Francisco with a visit to the historic Westin St Francis, one of the oldest hotels in the city. Located in Union Square, the hotel is home to Chateau Montelena tasting room, where you can enjoy a glass of Sauvignon Blanc before dining at Michael Mina's Bourbon Steakhouse – also located in the St. Francis. westinstfrancis.com

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Five free things to do in San Francisco

Golden Gate Park

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Golden Gate Bridge

A grande dame of spans, the Golden Gate Bridge turned 75 years old this spring. And it's looking fabulous. Parking is limited, so public transit is the recommended way to visit. Once you're there, stroll along the eastern sidewalk and take in the beautiful views of San Francisco and the bay. goldengatebridge.org

Cable Car Turnaround

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Fisherman's Wharf

Yes, you can drop a lot of cash on all things kitsch at this popular tourist spot. But there are some free things to take in, too. You can look through the window of the Boudin Bakery at Pier 39 and watch bakers twisting sourdough bread into animal shapes, for example.

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Anthony Bourdain, on the road

Interview. The No Reservations writer talks about what he's seen—and eaten

MARY ANN GEORGANTOPOULOUS
Metro World News in London

Anthony Bourdain's formula is simple — travel, eat, experience. HANDOUT

Anthony Bourdain might just have the best job in the world. His TV series Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations takes his audience on a tour of 15 locations throughout six continents — and that's just the current eighth season.

The bad boy chef turned author of Kitchen Confidential plays with a venomous king cobra snake in Penang; is gouged, cupped and drained of blood by a Finnish massage therapist; rides a BMX bike on a beach in Mexico; and is kidnapped by The Black Keys.

While Bourdain claims there were no high-security moments so far this season, all of his adventures carry some element of danger.

He recalls his trip to Beirut, Lebanon, in 2006: "When you're filming with expensive cameras in a place where people are very hungry, and a few dollars makes a difference of life and death, it can understandably get very tense."

Bourdain says he has one guiding principle when choosing the lineup of countries to visit: Where can he go that interests him and excites him?

"If travelling around the world and being a guest of people [is a job], if it's not interesting and fun to me, I don't see any reason it would be interesting or fun to anybody else."

His formula is simple: Travel, eat, experience — and then write. And it's working. It was just announced he'll have a new series soon on CNN, hoping to revitalize the network.

"The place reveals itself to us," he explains. "You can't write a script and [then] try to conform your experiences to preconceptions."

Hang locally

He's down with the people

For Bourdain, the best experiences are the ones spent with the locals — the people who don't know who he is and what he does. "The people who don't understand why the camera men are not eating and drinking. ... Those are the best times," he says.

Go American

America is a 'young country' for food

Bourdain said Americans can be forgiven for their lapses when it comes to food. According to Bourdain, Americans lost touch with its roots in the country's moment of wealth. "We're a young country," he says. "We don't have a culture that's un-conflicted about food as Italy, Spain or France."

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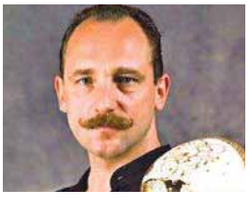

I have been fortunate to tour across Canada with my latest ballet, Ghosts of Violence, but in keeping true to the saying "home is where the heart is," Moncton remains my favourite place in Canada. Moncton has been my home since moving here over a decade ago from my native Ukraine. This city has provided me with three beautiful treasures: My kids, Nikita and Filex, and the other half of my life, my work with the Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada.

For those travelling to Moncton, I always recommend an outing at the Capitol Theatre, home to the lush performing arts productions of our city. The infamous Hotel Beauséjour, which recently underwent a major $6 million renovation, is a good place to call home while visiting our fine city, and is mere steps to the Tide and Boar for an evening of casual dining and live music. Of course, the Moncton Farmer's Market is like no other, and can be paired with an afternoon drive along the Fundy Coastal Drive to the Hopewell Rocks, Cape Enrage, and our National Park, Fundy. The landscapes are awe-inspiring and individually unique to this region.

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Folklorama. Two-week long event showcases the cultural diversity of Manitoba's capital and attracts visitors from all over the world

Dancers at the Brazilian Carnival pavilion entertain visitors at Folklorama. LANCE THOMSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's billed as one of the largest multicultural festivals in the world, offering a chance to sample food, music and dancing from around the globe without leaving Winnipeg city limits.

Folklorama dwarfs other festivals of its kind, filling community centres, school gyms and large convention halls throughout the city for two weeks every summer. Sure, there are similar festivals — the Heritage Festival in Edmonton and the Multicultural Festival in Halifax are two examples, both of which stage their events in a single location.

But Folklorama is the granddaddy of them all — 46 pavilions, half of which open from Aug. 5-11 this year, the others from Aug. 12-18. Its sheer size attracts tourists from around the globe.

"We've had (tourist) groups from Paraguay, from Japan, we get them from all over North America ... Texas, New Jersey, California," said Murray Greenfield, who, as Folklorama's director of tourism, helps visiting tour groups plan their stay.

"We had a group for about four years running from Iceland."

The festival is a reflection of the diversity upon which Winnipeg prides itself. The city grew up around the junction of the Red and Assiniboine rivers, which was a gathering place for aboriginals. French-speaking voyageurs and British settlers were among the early arrivals. They were followed by Ukrainians, Germans and other Europeans who settled in the bustling city or on farms across southern Manitoba. More recently, Winnipeg has seen a growing influx of immigrants from the Philippines and other Asian countries.

Local community groups that represent each of these cultures, and many more, are in charge of each pavilion. They feed and entertain thousands of visitors a night at each location, thanks to an army of more than 20,000 volunteers.

All of which can create a conundrum for festival-goers: How to take it all in, or at least as much as possible, on any given night. If you want to sample some spicy food and samba at the Brazilian pavilion downtown, will you also have time to take in a musical play at the Italian pavilion in the western suburbs? What about the borscht at the Ukrainian pavilion to the north?

"I go based on what personally interests me in the culture" said Cristina Poeppl, a Winnipeg resident who has attended Folklorama 10 times.

"Maybe it's a culture that I want to learn more about, or I really like that type of food."

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You've broiled it, you've deep fried it, but have you tried roasting it lately?

Ingredients

Of course this recipe also works for a weeknight dinner. The chicken comes out terrifically moist and tender. And because the chicken is flattened before it is cooked, it is finished much faster than traditional roasting methods.

Here's what you'll need:

- **4-pound whole chicken**
- **1 tablespoon kosher salt**
- **1 tablespoon garlic powder**
- **1/2 tablespoon dried thyme**
- **1/2 tablespoon ground black pepper**
- **Prep time from start to finish.** 50 minutes (10 minutes active).
- **Servings.** 8.

My recipe for a romantic picnic? A roasted chicken with sandwich trimmings.

Roll with me on this one. It's easy and totally appropriate.

You start out by following my couldn't-be-easier recipe for cast-iron skillet roasted whole chicken. The gist is that you split the bird at the backbone (technically called spatchcocking, but that just seems inappropriate in this context), sear it breast side down on the stovetop, then flip the bird and finish it in the oven.

When the chicken is cooked, you let it cool, then you cover it and refrigerate it right from the pan. You even can do the roasting the night before.

Instructions:

1. Heat the oven to 425 F.

2. Place the chicken on the cutting board breast side down. Use sturdy kitchen shears to cut down the length of the spine on both sides. Discard the spine. Turn the bird breast side up. Gripping the 2 cut sides where the spine used to be, open up the bird, pressing down firmly at the centre to flatten it.

3. In a small bowl, mix together the salt, garlic powder, thyme and pepper. Rub the mixture evenly over the entire chicken.

4. Set a large cast-iron skillet on a burner over medium-high. When the skillet it hot, add the chicken breast side down. Let the chicken brown for 5 minutes, then use tongs to carefully flip the bird so the breast side is up. Set the skillet in the oven and roast for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the thickest part reaches 165 F.

5. Remove the chicken from the oven. Either serve immediately or let cool and refrigerate for use in a picnic as described above.

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Put this in your picnic basket (sans cast-iron skillet, of course)

A four-pound chicken should provide enough meat for eight sandwiches. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fresh and fruity almond smoothie

Let this crisp and fruity drink give you a smart morning start, or drink it as an afternoon snack to keep hunger at bay.

Robust Raspberry Almond Smoothie
(Makes 6 servings)

Ingredients:
2 cups almond milk
1, 12-oz package frozen raspberries
2 medium bananas, cut into chunks
2-3 tbsp honey
½ tsp almond extract
3 tbsp almond butter
½ cup vanilla soy ice cream
12 fresh raspberries (optional)

Directions:
Combine all ingredients in a blender; whirl until smooth. Pour into 6 glasses and garnish with fresh raspberries if desired.

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Creamy potato salad a guilt-free barbecue hit

Artichokes work in place of eggs in this healthier potato salad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

So you're having a barbecue and you want to keep it at least a little healthy.

You've got the lean chicken breasts marinating and ready for the grill. You've got a colorful tossed salad filled with the season's bounty. You've got corn on the cob for grilling and fresh watermelon and strawberries for nibbling. That's a good start.

But you also know that no summer barbecue is complete without a creamy and rich potato salad. Except you also know just how unhealthy a potato salad smothered in mayonnaise can be. The good news is that you can enjoy a great potato salad without sacrificing your commitment to healthy eating.

Here are our tips for making that happen.

First, make sure you leave the skins on the potatoes. Potato skins contain much of the potatoes' fibre, as well heaps of vitamins and minerals, including a crazy amount of potassium (even more than bananas).

Second, replace the commonly added hard-boiled egg. While eggs do add plenty of protein, if you're barbecuing it's unlikely that protein deprivation is your problem. And egg yolks also add plenty of unnecessary fat. So we replaced the egg with chopped canned artichoke hearts, which have a similar texture and a wonderfully subtle flavour that complements the potatoes.

Ingredients

Here's what you'll need:

- 2 pounds red potatoes, cubed
- Salt
- 1 tablespoon white balsamic vinegar
- 5.3-ounce container fat-free plain Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup low-fat sour cream
- 3 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh dill
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- Ground black pepper
- 4-ounce jar chopped pimentos
- 14-ounce can artichoke bottoms, drained
- 2 ribs celery, diced

1. Place the potatoes in a large pot, then add enough cool water to cover by 1 inch. Add 1 teaspoon of salt, then bring to a boil and cook for 10 to 15 minutes, or until just tender when pierced with a fork. Drain the potatoes and spread out on a rimmed baking sheet. Sprinkle with the vinegar and set aside to cool.

2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the yogurt, sour cream, scallions, mustard, dill, thyme and garlic powder. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Stir in the pimentos, artichoke bottoms and celery. Once the potatoes have cooled, gently stir in until thoroughly coated. Chill until ready to serve. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Perfect picnic pleasure. Bruschetta couscous salad

Finally, bruschetta made portable. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

Start to finish: 30 minutes

- 16 ounces Israeli couscous
- 1/2 small red onion, finely diced
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 3 ribs celery, finely diced
- 20 ounces cocktail tomatoes, quartered
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, torn
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup small fresh mozzarella balls
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- Salt and ground black pepper

1. Cook the couscous according to package directions. Allow to cool. In a large bowl, combine the cooled couscous with the red onion, garlic, celery, tomatoes, basil, Parmesan, mozzarella, olive oil and vinegar. Stir to combine, then season with salt and black pepper.

2. The salad can be served immediately, but the flavours improve if it is allowed to sit for 30 minutes. Serves 10.

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Parents, I'm not getting paid

Labour sans the loonies. It's not exactly what you want for Junior right now, but let's weigh the benefits

LEAH RUEHLICKE
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Your child just found their dream internship and your nightmare of a compensation guarantee: unpaid. But unpaid internships, although daunting at first, can be an extremely beneficial (and integral) step in your child's career path.

Stephanie Reid, an executive assistant at BlueCat Networks and mother of two unpaid interns, once had her own hesitations about the working-for-free lifestyle. However, as her two children gained invaluable work experience and turned their internships into success stories, she realized the value of the unpaid internship.

"It's not the same if an intern is doing solitary photocopying all day and thus not learning anything or meeting people," she says. Luckily both of her children interned at organizations related to their own career aspirations.

"I know we are very lucky to be able to do this," Reid says. "If I knew what I know now, I would have suggested to my kids and all of their friends that they start putting money aside for an opportunity like this as soon as they enter high school, even."

The interview you have with your child about their internship may be just important as the one they'll secure because of the unpaid role. ISTOCK

Reid offers the following tips and advice to fellow parents struggling with the idea of their child embarking upon an unpaid position:

• Evaluate the internship. Internships are beneficial only if your child is learning career-related skills, making industry connections and utilizing the education they have.

• Internships can show your child what they actually want to do. "After hearing about how many kids change course, I guess the main thing I was hoping for was confirmation that they were on the right track at school — or not — and getting the chance to fix that quickly," Reid adds.

• Set a timeline. Agree with your child that you'll re-evaluate how things are going in four months, for example, to ensure that they are benefitting from their internship and, if they aren't, to begin exploring new paths.

• Encourage your child to secure extra hours at their paid, part-time jobs in order to compensate for the money they aren't making while interning.

• Accept that things take time. Reid's son found his three-month internship extended for another three months and, after discussing the difficulties of continuing down the unpaid path, both realized that three months isn't necessarily long enough to prove yourself to an employer.

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Pushy parents

Helicopter parent horror stories:

- "One parent wanted to sit in during the interview."
- "A parent called a politician to push me to hire his son."
- "A parent came by my desk and told me that he expected his daughter to get preference for a position since he was a manager at the company."

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Student Voice

University trumped by college

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From the first day of entering university, I always thought about how the job hunting experience was going to be after graduation. These thoughts were intensified in my last couple of months of my fourth year of studies and, since graduation, they have become pressures.

Since graduating and starting the job hunt, which has not been very successful at all, I was just offered my first phone interview less than a week ago.

The day following the interview I became very anxious and nervous to hear the results, which turned out not to be so positive.

Most jobs require experience, but for graduates like me who did not have the opportunity to get an internship or co-op during the four years at university due to the absence of a co-op program, these experiences are minimal.

After seeing many of my friends delay job hunting by going back to school, either by attending college or graduate programs, I have realized that university is not all it has been made out to be.

When speaking with professionals who are established in the job market, they always ask me which I think is more valuable: university or college?

After putting much thought into this question I realized that college helps its students by providing hands-on opportunities both in school and outside of school with co-ops and internships. Most university students however, are stuck with the knowledge that we gathered from our textbooks. So which do I think is more valuable? College of course.

Employers favour those individuals with hands-on experience and not just with the knowledge that exists in textbooks. Even though university does possess a better environment during our education, it definitely does not help us when we graduate. Even though universities do provide career workshops and seminars (and I have been to quite a few), many of them do not provide information that we haven't heard a million times in the past.

For many graduates, the jobs that are available are those in customer service and general labour, which under "requirements" often state that a high school diploma is all that is required. If that was all we needed to get these jobs, why did we go to university? Sometimes even these jobs do not want us because we are "over qualified."

While still looking for a job to start my career I can say truthfully that job hunting is not easy and it might take up to a year for new graduates to start off their careers, and I often ask myself: How is this fair? Why are university students who were looked up to in the past now struggling to compete with others who have less education?

Where I am now

I am still in the process of job hunting. I applied to at least 50 job listings as of today and have only heard back from one, which turned me down. I applied to volunteer and unpaid internship opportunities which I have yet to hear back from.

My recommendations for students

My advice for recent grads like me is to never give up! No matter how many employers ignore you or turn you down, NEVER for a second think that you are unworthy! Because we as new graduates (no matter the program) are all full of potential, and we are just waiting for that one company or organization willing to take that chance to develop and take advantage of it. All university graduates should be appreciated because, for us to survive university, we must be doing something right!

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Home may be where the heart is, but it's not necessarily where the best summer jobs are. After ploughing through a busy semester, you've headed from student house to hometown for a summer of rent-free living and a few home-cooked meals. Unfortunately, when students are only in town for a few months, it can be hard to find employment.

Ideally, you started early. Hit the Internet hard, applied to government positions and local listings. But times are tough, and with the youth unemployment rate at 13.9 per cent, maybe you weren't able to land one of those coveted summer jobs.

If you now find yourself back in the dinosaur sheets of your childhood bed with no job to get you up in the morning, there are still some things that you can do.

Do some digging

This late in the season, you'll have to employ some seriously old school methods to get a job. Find a local company that you want to work for and contact their HR department directly to see if they have any openings. Scan your local paper and community bulletin boards for any job notices and keep an eye out for "help wanted" signs around town. Always have a resumé on hand if something catches your eye.

Hit the road

Everyone looks the same via email, but unless you have a twin roaming around, no one will look like you in person. Print out copies of your resumé, put on your professional business wear and your best "hire-me" smile and start applying to jobs face-to-face. Do your best to give your resume to whoever does the hiring rather than just leaving it with reception, allow employers to put a face to the name on your application.

Call your companions

"As The Beatles once crooned, we get by with a little help from our friends."

Ishani Nath on pursuing a job with the aid of your hometown pals

Hometown helpers

As The Beatles once crooned, we get by with a little help from our friends. If you're back in your hometown, use the networks you created before university. Reach out to your family and friends, send e-mails with your resumé attached and let people know what you're looking for. Additionally, call up people you've worked for or volunteered with before you went away to university. You never know who might come through.

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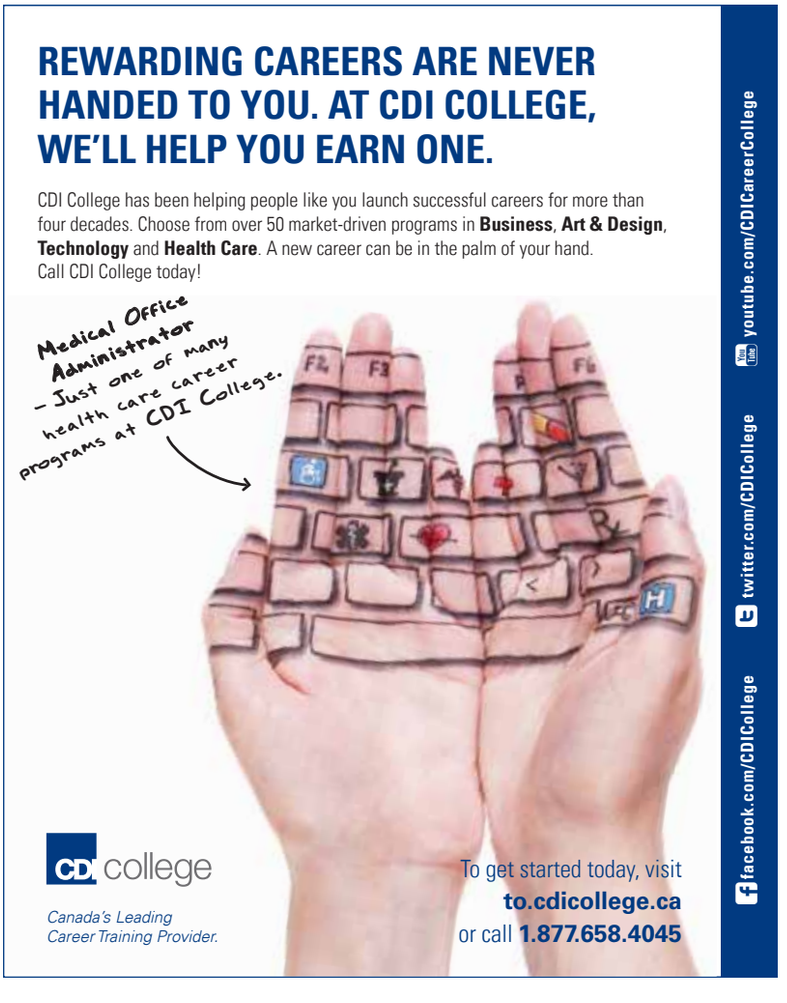
Create your own job

Remember that time when you ran a lemonade stand on your corner?

- When no one's hiring, consider hiring yourself. Start your own business and market it around your hometown.
- Look at your skill set and see what people in your area need — it could be anything from babysitting for local families to helping elderly neighbours with errands. It may not be the typical nine-to-five summer job, but starting and maintaining your own business is a great addition to any resumé.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‘Playing on another planet’

Kings defenceman Willie Mitchell congratulates goalie Jonathan Quick after Game 3 on Monday in Los Angeles. HARRY HOW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL. Quick likely to run away with Conn Smythe trophy after historic post-season for Kings

Jonathan Quick has set the bar so high for himself, his Los Angeles Kings teammates can barely see it.

“He’s playing on another planet,” forward Jarret Stoll said Tuesday. “That’s what he expects.”

The 26-year-old American has put together a post-season that is taking on historical proportions. As the Kings entered Wednesday’s Game 4 against New Jersey with a chance to win the Stanley Cup, Quick sat poised to post some of the best playoff statistics in NHL history.

In the process, he’s completely eliminated any debate there might be about who deserves to take home the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP.

“In these playoffs, every game he’s been on,” said Hockey Hall of Famer Luc Robitaille, the Kings’ president of business operations. “He’s been very, very special.”

The Devils have been unable to find a way to solve him. As one-sided as the Stanley Cup final seems right now, it likely wouldn’t have looked that way if not for the performance of Quick.

He’s been particularly sharp early in games during this series, giving the Kings a chance to get more comfortable while planting seeds of doubt in the minds of Devils players.

“We’re creating as many chances this round as we had against the Rangers the prior round — we’re not finishing,” said Devils coach Pete DeBoer. “He’s played very well.... We’ve never been able to grab momentum, (score the) first goal, at a critical time.”

Added veteran Devils goalie Martin Brodeur: “We’ve got to find ways to score.”

Quick has been a cornerstone for the Kings for three seasons, but this is the first one where he’s commanded national attention. A little shy and short with answers, he comes across as someone who wouldn’t mind getting his anonymity back.

But that’s unlikely now that he has a chance to match Tim Thomas’ trophy haul of a year ago by winning the Stanley Cup, Conn Smythe and the Vezina Trophy as the NHL’s top goalie.

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By the numbers

.950

Jonathan Quick’s .950 save percentage in the playoffs would rank him first all-time and his 1.36 goals-against average would be better than any goaltender in the last 52 years.

Brown-Parise

Cup captains show further growth in U.S.

It has happened only once in NHL history, but it will definitely happen again: An American captain will hoist the Stanley Cup.

Whether it’s the Kings’ Dustin Brown of Ithaca, N.Y., or it’s Zach Parise of Minneapolis doing it in the event of a New Jersey comeback, it’s a sign of the rise of American hockey.

“It’s one more statement about the particular development of our sport and our program in America,” said Dave Ogrean, executive director of USA Hockey.

Parise and Brown were both 14 years old when Derian Hatcher, of Sterling Heights, Mich., led the Dallas Stars to the Stanley Cup over the Buffalo Sabres in 1999. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dustin Brown and Zach Parise
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Never-say-die Djokovic on to semifinal

As the evening air swirled, and raindrops fell, and the thousands of spectators pulling for his opponent hushed, Novak Djokovic stood a single point from exiting the French Open.

A single point from losing the chance to pursue a fourth consecutive Grand Slam title, something no man has done in 43 years.

But Djokovic came through Tuesday, taking that crucial point against France’s Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the quarter-finals at Roland Garros thanks to an overhead that skimmed off the baseline to set up a put-away volley.

All told, Djokovic faced four match points against Tsonga and won each one.

Roger dodges defeat

Roger Federer also fashioned a come-from-behind victory on Tuesday.

- He dropped the first two sets before getting past No. 9 Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina 3-6, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-0, 6-3.

Djokovic won his 26th Grand Slam match in a row, coming back to beat the fifth-seeded Tsonga 6-1, 5-7, 5-7, 7-6 (6), 6-1 to set up a rematch against 16-time major champion Roger Federer. A year ago in the semifinals at the French Open, Federer ended Djokovic’s 43-match winning streak, the last time the Serb lost at one of tennis’ four Grand Slams.

“If you’re playing a top player, a home favourite, and you have a crowd that’s supporting him, you have to face these things,” said the No. 1-ranked Djokovic. “Physically, we’re all fit, all hitting the ball well.... The one that mentally pushes more in some moments — and gets a bit lucky — gets the win.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Novak Djokovic celebrates winning his match against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in Paris on Tuesday. MICHEL EULER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Cloutier added to Flames’ staff

Jacques Cloutier has joined the Calgary Flames coaching staff as Bob Hartley’s assistant. The former Quebec Nordiques goalie was Hartley’s assistant last season with the Zurich Lions of the Swiss elite league.

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MLB

Lasorda stable after heart attack

Hall of Fame manager Tom Lasorda was hospitalized in stable condition Tuesday, a day after the 84-year-old had a “mild” heart attack while representing the Los Angeles Dodgers at the draft.

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Tommy Lasorda
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

NHL

Moore absent due to wife’s illness

San Jose Shark Dominic Moore said he missed playoff games because his wife has a rare form of liver cancer. Moore explained his absence from two playoff games in April in a statement Tuesday.

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NFL

Bills DT Williams returns to practice

Buffalo Bills starting defensive tackle Kyle Williams has resumed practising on a limited basis for the first time since having season-ending surgery to repair a nagging left-foot injury last November.

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4 SPORTS

NHL

“I’m certainly a better coach now than I was 10 or 15 years ago. I learned a lot about myself. I learned a lot about the game, too.”

Michel Therrien, who said he believes he will be a better, wiser coach than he was in his first stint behind the Montreal Canadiens bench. New general manager Marc Bergevin named Therrien as head coach on Tuesday. Therrien took over behind the Habs bench during the 2000-01 season and left midway through 2002-03. Since then, Therrien has coached in the AHL, reached a Stanley Cup final with the Pittsburgh Penguins, done pro scouting and, most recently, worked as a Canadiens television analyst.

Soccer

Euro money stacks up to World Cup’s

The European Championship begins Friday boasting the numbers to back its reputation as one of the world’s elite sporting events. UEFA will earn commercial revenues of at least $1.6 billion US for the 16-team tournament in Poland and Ukraine, rivaling FIFA’s 32-nation World Cup for average match value. With each match expected to draw an average television audience of 150 million fans worldwide, Euro 2012 will bring a near-daily diet of ratings bigger than the Super Bowl.

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On the web

Fresh off his first national championship with Kentucky, John Calipari is coaching the Dominican Republic basketball team in an attempt to qualify for the Olympics this summer. Scan the code for the story.

Rolling Thunder not focusing on finals

NBA. Oklahoma City coach knows there's no guarantees even with 3-2 lead over Spurs

Down and nearly out less than a week ago, the Oklahoma City Thunder are riding a momentum shift to the brink of the NBA finals.

With three straight wins, the Thunder have changed the conversation from how anyone can stop the San Antonio Spurs' record-setting 20-game winning streak to how Oklahoma City needs just one win on its home court in Game 6 on Wednesday night to play for the NBA title.

Yet coach Scott Brooks urged Tuesday that riding the momentum isn't enough to get the job done.

"We have a great opportunity, we're on our home floor but that doesn't guarantee automatic victory," Brooks said Tuesday. "They're not going to give us the game."

Brooks was surprised last week when a reporter told him that only six per cent of NBA teams had overcome an 0-2 deficit in a seven-game series. Now, his Thunder are on the brink of pulling off the feat.

"The percentages, you can't really feed into that because you know that there's always a chance," Brooks said. "There's 48 minutes to prove that you're the better team that night, and we have an opportunity tomorrow night to do that again."

A series of defensive adjustments by Brooks helped turn the series, Thabo Sefolosha's switch onto all-star point guard Tony Parker in Game 3 being the most visible change. The Spurs have been tinkering ever since to get back in the groove they'd been riding since mid-April but instead have lost three straight games for the first time all season.

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Thunder guard Russell Westbrook shoots a layup during Monday's Game 5 win in San Antonio. ERIC GAY/POOL/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Quoted

"I think we have the right game plan. We just need to play a little better for a little longer."

Tim Duncan, Spurs power forward

NBA

Bosh returns with heavy heart

Chris Bosh is back for the Miami Heat.

Bosh checked in with 5:06 remaining in the opening quarter in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals against the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night, the first minutes for the all-star forward after missing nine playoff games with a strained lower abdominal muscle.

Bosh's return came on a day tinged with tragedy for his family. Miami Beach police said a masseuse collapsed at Bosh's home and was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital on Monday night. Police did not find any signs of foul play.

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Chris Bosh warms up Tuesday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	31	24	.564	—
Baltimore	30	24	.556	½
New York	30	24	.556	½
Boston	28	26	.519	2½
Toronto	28	26	.519	2½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	31	23	.574	—
Cleveland	29	25	.537	2
Detroit	25	30	.455	6½
Kansas City	23	30	.434	7½
Minnesota	21	33	.389	10

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	32	23	.582	—
Los Angeles	28	28	.500	4½
Seattle	25	32	.439	8
Oakland	24	31	.436	8

Last night's results
Cleveland 4 Detroit 2
N.Y. Yankees 7 Tampa Bay 0
Baltimore at Boston
Minnesota at Kansas City
Toronto at Chicago White Sox
Seattle at L.A. Angels
Texas at Oakland
Monday's results
Minnesota 10 Kansas City 7
Oakland 12 Texas 1
Seattle 8 L.A. Angels 6
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Cleveland (J.Gomez 3-4) at Detroit (Scherzer 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 6-2), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (W.Chen 4-2) at Boston (Beckett 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Blackburn 1-4) at Kansas City (F.Paulino 3-1), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (Morrow 6-3) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 1-0), 8:10 p.m.
Seattle (Noesi 2-6) at L.A. Angels (Williams 6-2), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (Lewis 4-4) at Oakland (Colon 4-6), 10:05 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Cleveland at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Texas at Oakland, 3:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	30	22	.577	—
Miami	31	24	.564	½
New York	31	24	.564	½
Atlanta	30	25	.545	1½
Philadelphia	28	29	.491	4½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	30	23	.566	—
Pittsburgh	27	26	.509	3
St. Louis	28	27	.509	3
Milwaukee	24	30	.444	6½
Houston	23	31	.426	7½
Chicago	18	36	.333	12½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	35	21	.625	—
San Francisco	31	24	.564	3½
Arizona	25	30	.455	9½
Colorado	24	30	.444	10
San Diego	18	37	.327	16½

Last night's results
Atlanta 11 Miami 0
L.A. Dodgers 2 Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets at Washington
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati
St. Louis at Houston
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee
Colorado at Arizona
San Francisco at San Diego
Monday's results
Colorado 4 Arizona 0
L.A. Dodgers 4 Philadelphia 3
San Francisco 3 Chicago Cubs 2
St. Louis 5 N.Y. Mets 4
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
San Francisco (Bumgarner 6-4) at San Diego (Richard 2-6), 6:35 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 7-2) at Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Hefner 1-2) at Washington (E.Jackson 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Delgado 3-5) at Miami (Jo.Johnson 3-3), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Lincoln 3-0) at Cincinnati (Cueto 5-3), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 4-6) at Houston (Norris 5-2), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Maholm 4-4) at Milwaukee (Greinke 6-2), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Outman 0-1) at Arizona (Miley 6-2), 9:40 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Washington, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 3:35 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Houston, 8:05 p.m.

HOCKEY

AHL PLAYOFFS

CALDER CUP FINAL

(Best of 7)
NORFOLK (E1) VS. TORONTO (W2)
(Norfolk leads series 2-0)
Saturday's result
Norfolk 4 Toronto 2
Friday's result
Norfolk 3 Toronto 1
Tomorrow's game — All Times Eastern
Norfolk at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
Norfolk at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Norfolk at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, June 13
x-Toronto at Norfolk, 7:15 p.m.
Friday, June 15
x-Toronto at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

AUTO RACING

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DRIVER'S CHAMPIONSHIP
(after sixth of 20 races)
1. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 76 points; 2. (tie), Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull; and Mark Webber, Australia, Red Bull, 73; 4. Lewis Hamilton, England, McLaren, 63; 5. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 59; 6. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Lotus, 51; 7. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 45; 8. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 35; 9. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Williams, 29; 10. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Sauber, 22.
NEXT RACE:
Sunday — Canadian Grand Prix, Montreal

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best of 7)
NEW JERSEY (E6) VS.LOS ANGELES (W8)
(Los Angeles leads series 3-0)
Monday's result
Los Angeles 4 New Jersey 0
Saturday's result
Los Angeles 2 New Jersey 1 (OT)
Tonight's game — All Times Eastern
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 11
x-New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 13
x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

LATE MONDAY

KINGS 4, DEVILS 0

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Richards LA (elbowing) 14:35, J.Carter LA (double high-sticking) 15:36, Zidlicky NJ (tripping) 16:57.
Second Period
1. Los Angeles, Martinez 1 (King, Lewis) 5:40
2. Los Angeles, Kopitar 8 (Brown, Williams) 15:07
Penalties — Kopitar LA (holding) 6:16, Penner LA (goaltender interference) 9:41, Gagne LA (slashing) 18:30.
Third Period
3. Los Angeles, J.Carter 6 (Richards, Mitchell) 4:15 (pp)
4. Los Angeles, Williams 3 (Doughty, Kopitar) 6:47 (pp)
Penalties — Fayne NJ (cross-checking) 3:29, Zidlicky NJ (high-sticking) 5:30.
Shots on goal by

New Jersey	7	9	6	—22
Los Angeles	6	9	6	—21

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (L,12-8); Los Angeles: Quick (W,15-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 0-6; Los Angeles: 2-2.
Referees — Dan O'Halloran, Brad Watson.
Linesmen — Derek Amell, Jonny Murray.
Attendance — 18,764 (18,118) at Los Angeles.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kopitar, LA	8	10	18
Kovalchuk, NJ	7	11	18
Giroux, Pha	8	9	17
D.Brown, LA	7	10	17
Kopitar, LA	8	10	18
B.Richards, NYR	6	9	15
Parise, NJ	7	7	14
J.Williams, LA	3	11	14
Briere, Pha	8	5	13
Doughty, LA	3	10	13
Zajac, NJ	7	5	12
M.Richards, LA	4	8	12
Doughty, LA	3	10	13
Girardi, NYR	3	9	12
J.Williams, LA	3	11	14
J.Carter, LA	6	5	11
Gaborik, NYR	5	6	11
M.Richards, LA	4	8	12
Clarkson, NJ	3	8	11
Henrique, NJ	3	8	11
Penner, LA	3	8	11
Salvador, NJ	3	8	11
Callahan, NYR	6	4	10
J.Carter, LA	6	5	11
McDonald, StL	5	5	10
Vermette, Phx	5	5	10
Anisimov, NYR	3	7	10
Del Zotto, NYR	2	8	10
Voracek, Pha	2	8	10
J.Staal, Pgh	6	3	9
Doan, Phx	5	4	9
Ovechkin, Wash	5	4	9
B.Schenn, Pha	3	6	9
Zubrus, NJ	3	6	9

TENNIS

FRENCH OPEN

At Paris
Yesterday's results
MEN
Singles — Quarter-finals
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (5), France, 6-1, 5-7, 5-7, 7-6 (6), 6-1.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Juan Martin del Potro (9), Argentina, 3-6, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-0, 6-3.
Doubles — Quarter-finals
Bob and Mike Bryan (2), U.S., def. Oliver Marach, Austria, and Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.
Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Jean-Julien Rojer (10), Netherlands, def. Michael Llodra, France, and Nenad Zimonjic (3), Serbia, 6-4, 2-1 (retired).
WOMEN
Singles — Quarter-finals
Sam Stosur (6), Australia, def. Dominika Cibulkova (15), Slovakia, 6-4, 6-1.
Sara Errani (21), Italy, def. Angelique Kerber (10), Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (2).
Doubles — Quarter-finals
Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (5), Czech Republic, def. Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (2), Slovenia, 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (4).
Maria Kirilenko and Nadia Petrova (7), Russia, def. Vania King, U.S., and Yaroslava Shvedova (3), Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-4.
MIXED DOUBLES
Quarter-finals
Elena Vesnina, Russia, and Leander Paes (5), India, def. Liezel Huber, U.S., and Max Mirnyi (1), Belarus, 4-6, 7-5, 10-5 (tiebreak).
Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, and Daniele Bracciali, Italy, def. Nuria Llagostera Vives, Spain, and Oliver Marach, Austria, 6-1, 6-2.
JUNIORS
Girl's Singles — Second Round
Taylor Townsend (1), U.S., def. **Carol Zhao, Richmond Hill, Ont.**, 6-7 (1), 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Eugenie Bouchard (7), Westmount, Que., def. Elise Mertens, Belgium, 6-2, 7-6 (4).
Doubles — First Round
Eugenie Bouchard (7), Westmount, Que., and Taylor Townsend (1), U.S., def. Justine De Sutter, Belgium, and Darya Kasatkina, Russia, 6-1, 6-2.
Francoise Abanda, Montreal, and Sachia Vickery (4), U.S., def. Zuzanna Maciejewska, Poland, and Kathinka von Deichmann, Liechtenstein, 6-3, 6-4.
Camilla Rosatello, Italy, and Ioana Loredana Rosca, Romania, def. Sabina Sharipova, Uzbekistan, and **Carol Zhao (8), Richmond Hill, Ont.**, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 10-8 (tiebreak).

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
D.C. United	15	8	4	3	28	19	27
New York	13	8	3	2	26	18	26
Kansas City	12	8	3	1	17	10	25
Columbus	12	5	4	3	13	13	18
Chicago	13	5	5	3	15	17	18
Houston	11	4	3	4	12	12	16
New England	13	5	7	1	18	18	16
Montreal	13	3	7	3	15	21	12
Philadelphia	11	2	7	2	8	14	8
Toronto	10	1	9	0	8	21	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Real Salt Lake	14	9	3	2	22	14	29
San Jose	14	8	3	3	27	17	27
Seattle	13	7	3	3	16	9	24
Vancouver	12	5	3	4	13	14	19
Colorado	13	6	6	1	20	18	19
Chivas USA	13	4	6	3	9	14	15
Portland	12	3	5	4	12	15	13
Dallas	15	3	8	4	15	24	13
Los Angeles	13	3	8	2	15	21	11

Saturday's result
New England 2 Chicago 0
Sunday's game — All Times Eastern
Houston at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 16
Colorado at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

NASL

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Puerto Rico	9	5	2	2	17	7	17
Minnesota	9	4	0	5	14	8	17
San Antonio	9	4	1	4	11	9	16
Fort Lauderdale	10	3	3	4	15	17	13
Tampa Bay	10	3	4	3	11	13	12
Edmonton	9	2	5	2	11	12	8
Carolina	10	1	4	5	13	19	8
Atlanta	10	1	4	5	13	20	8

Sunday's result
Atlanta 2 Edmonton 1
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Minnesota at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Puerto Rico, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:45 p.m.
Sunday's game
Fort Lauderdale at Edmonton, 4 p.m.

EURO 2012

All Times Eastern

FIRST ROUND

GROUP A
Friday's games
At Warsaw, Poland
Poland vs. Greece, noon
At Wroclaw, Poland
Russia vs. Czech Republic, 2:45 p.m.
GROUP B
Saturday's games
At Kharkiv, Ukraine
Netherlands vs. Denmark, noon
At Lviv, Ukraine
Germany vs. Portugal, 2:45 p.m.
GROUP C
Sunday's games
At Gdansk, Poland
Spain vs. Italy, noon
At Poznan, Poland
Ireland vs. Croatia, 2:45 p.m.
GROUP D
Monday, June 11
At Donetsk, Ukraine
France vs. England, noon
At Kiev, Ukraine
Ukraine vs. Sweden, 2:45 p.m.

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

OCEANIA

SECOND ROUND
Yesterday's results
Group A
At Honiara, Solomon Islands
New Caledonia 9 Samoa 0
Tahiti 4 Vanuatu 1

FRIENDLIES

Yesterday's results
(home teams listed first)
Armenia 3 Kazakhstan 0
Austria 0 Romania 0
France 4 Estonia 0
Philippines 2 Indonesia 2
Sweden 2 Serbia 1
At Ingolstadt, Austria
Turkey 2 Ukraine 0

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best of 7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
MIAMI (2) VS. BOSTON (4)
(Series tied 2-2)
Last night's result
Boston at Miami
Sunday's result
Boston 93 Miami 91 (OT)
Tomorrow's game
Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. OKLAHOMA CITY (2)
(Oklahoma City leads series 3-2)
Monday's result
Oklahoma City 108 San Antonio 103
Saturday's result
Oklahoma City 109 San Antonio 103
Tonight's game
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
Friday's game
x-Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

LATE MONDAY

THUNDER 108, SPURS 103

OKLAHOMA CITY (108)
Durant 10-19 5-6 27, Ibaka 4-6 1-2 9, Perkins 1-4 2-2 4, Westbrook 9-24 5-5 23, Sefolosha 2-4 0-0 5, Collison 3-3 0-0 6, Harden 6-11 5-6 20, Fisher 2-6 2-2 6, Cook 3-3 0-0 8. **Totals** 40-80 20-23 108.
SAN ANTONIO (103)
Leonard 1-4 2-2 4, Duncan 7-10 4-5 18, Diaw 2-5 0-0 5, Parker 5-14 10-12 20, Ginobili 11-21 7-8 34, Blair 1-1 0-0 2, Neal 0-6 2-2 2, Bonner 0-0 0-0 0, S.Jackson 5-9 0-0 13, Green 0-2 0-0 0, Splitter 2-2 1-2 5. **Totals** 34-74 26-31 103.

Oklahoma City	26	26	29	27—108
San Antonio	21	23	28	31—103

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 8-21 (Harden 3-4, Cook 2-2, Durant 2-6, Sefolosha 1-3, Fisher 0-2, Westbrook 0-4), San Antonio 9-24 (Ginobili 5-10, S.Jackson 3-6, Diaw 1-2, Parker 0-1, Leonard 0-1, Green 0-1, Neal 0-3). Fouled Out—Perkins. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 40 (Perkins 10), San Antonio 48 (Duncan 12). Assists—Oklahoma City 22 (Westbrook 12), San Antonio 23 (Ginobili 7). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 25, San Antonio 25. Technicals—Perkins. A—18,581 (18,797) at San Antonio, Texas.

CYCLING

CRITERIUM DU DAUPHINE

At Saint-Felicien, France
Yesterday's results
Second stage — 160 kilometres
1. Daniel Moreno, Spain, Katusha, four hours, two minutes, 38 seconds; 2. Julien Simon, France, Saur-Sojasun, s.t.; 3. Tony Gallopin, France, RadioShack-Nissan, s.t.; 4. Rinaldo Nocentini, Italy, AG2R La Mondiale, s.t.; 5. Jurgen Van Den Broeck, Belgium, Lotto Belisol, s.t.; 6. Luis Leon Sanchez, Spain, Rabobank, s.t.; 7. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC, s.t.; 8. Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Astana, s.t.; 9. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky Procycling, s.t.; 10. Thomas Voeckler, Germany, Europcar, s.t.
Overall Standings (after two stages)
1. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky Procycling, eight hours 45 minutes 42 seconds; 2. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC Racing, one second behind; 3. Andriy Grivko, Ukraine, Astana, 0:02; 4. Carlos Barredo, Spain, Rabobank, same time; 5. Tony Martin, Germany, Omega Pharma-Quick Step, 0:04; 6. Paul Martens, Germany, Rabobank, s.t.

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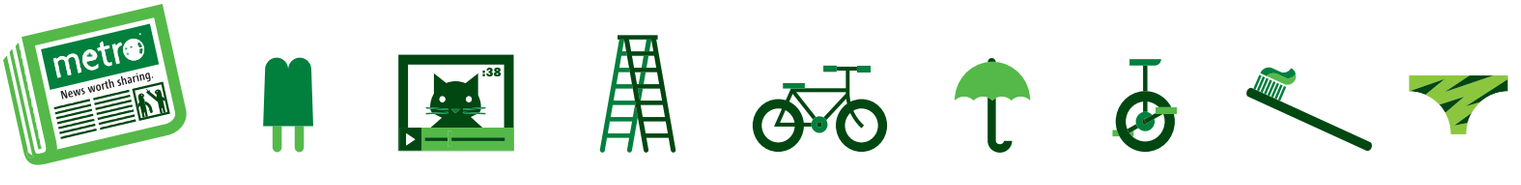

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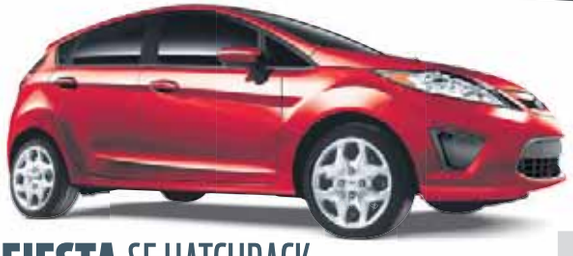

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Bragging rights back in the saddle

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Engines

On the powertrain front, the Mustang V6 and Boss 302 ratings are unchanged at 305 and 444 horsepower, respectively. However the V8-powered GT now makes 420 horsepower, up eight. In addition, the six-speed manual-transmission cars now have "hill start assist" that prevents the vehicle from rolling backward on an incline.

2013 Mustangs receive a new hood and a larger grille.

Interior

The interior remains a familiar spot, unless you select the newly optional cloth or leather-covered Recaro-brand sport-seat option that provides significant support when cornering. Also available is a Track Apps dashboard information screen that shows cornering g-forces, acceleration times and braking intervals.

2013 Ford Mustang

- **Type.** Two-door, rear-wheel-drive sport coupe/convertible.
- **Engines (hp):** 3.7-litre DOHC V6 (305); 5.0-litre DOHC V8 (420/444); 5.8-litre DOHC V8, supercharged (662).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $25,500.

Wide price range

Naturally, Mustangs feature something for every budget, beginning at $25,500 for the base V6 coupe and $32,500 for the convertible, ranging all the way up to $63,200 for the Shelby GT 500 coupe ($68,200 for the soft top).

Review. Ford pokes and prods its pony to perfection

MALCOLM GUNN
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During the 1950s and early 1960s, there were dramatic year-over-year changes in North American automobile design. Back then it was referred to as "planned obsolescence." Now, more than 50 years later, Ford has seemingly revived this pattern with the Mustang.

The rapidity of renewal with the original ponycar is understandable … sort of. Without question, General Motors' Chevrolet division has painted a giant bulls eye on the Mustang's hindquarters and is taking direct aim by drawing the latest Camaro from its quiver. It's a game of automotive one-upmanship that shows no signs of abating.

The Camaro has been a burr in the Mustang's saddle ever since the latest edition arrived for the 2010 model year. As it stands now, the Camaro holds a slight sales lead and has recently bolstered its position with the Corvette-powered 580-horsepower ZL1 model.

The response from Ford is predictable and formidable. As of right now you can order a 2013 Mustang-based Shelby GT500 with a cranium-snapping 662 horsepower. The extra 112-horse punch is delivered by a new supercharged 5.8-litre V8 that replaces the previous 550-horsepower 5.4-litre thoroughbred. Carroll Shelby, who died May 11 at age 89, has his name on the most powerful production Mustang of all time.

In fact, the non-partisan Society of Automotive Engineers determined that the new GT500 has the world's most potent production-spec V8, giving Ford significant bragging rights while it awaits Chevy's response. Where it will eventually wind up is anyone's guess, but for now enthusiasts from Comox to Come By Chance are predictably in awe of the power parade.

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A real-life timeline of photos, snapped by Justin Pritchard in his test Jetta, reveals some impressive mileage figures.

Once you go diesel, you might not go back

Review. Still sitting on the fence about hybrids? The Jetta TDI and its supreme fuel economy offers an enticing alternative

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2012 Volkswagen Jetta TDI

- **Engine:** 2.0-litre TDI Clean Diesel, 140 horsepower.
- **Drivetrain:** Front-wheel drive.
- **Observed Average Mileage:** 6.9 L/100 km
- **Transmission:** 6-speed DSG.
- **Features:** Fender Audio System, Bluetooth, heated leather, sunroof.
- **What's Hot:** Great mileage, refined and quiet powertrain, generous trunk, comfortable and sporty.
- **What's Not:** Low-budget interior feel, no proper armrest.
- **Starting Price:** $27,175 (Jetta TDI Highline).

Unless you like shovelling heaps of your hard-earned cash into the registers at local gas stations, the Volkswagen Jetta TDI is a car you need to test-drive.

Big thing about the Jetta TDI? It's a diesel. Diesel has about 30 per cent more energy per unit than gasoline — meaning the Jetta's TDI four-cylinder engine creates 140 horsepower and a robust 236 pounds of torque from just two litres of displacement and a turbocharger.

Diesel engines generate lots of torque — which is the all-important figure when it comes to getting things moving. That's why most trains and transports drink diesel fuel.

Sure, the Jetta TDI will never haul a transport trailer or skid off roofing shingles, but its powerplant boasts exceptional mileage alongside a power-band that's meatier than a bag full of Baconators.

Diesel makes heaps of sense if you aren't quite sold on a hybrid. What if the hybrid drive motor conks out, outside of warranty? Will that hybrid battery do its job at -40 C when you return to the Park 'N Fly with a suitcase full of Dominican rum? None of these are concerns faced by TDI owners.

And unlike days gone by, the new breed of TDI diesel engines run clean as a whistle. There's no smell, no soot and no smoke. The tester's powerplant was as quiet, smooth and refined as anything comparable running on gasoline — if not more so.

The tester also ran Volkswagen's dual-clutch Direct Shift Gearbox or DSG transmission, which shifts precisely, at lightning speed, and so smoothly you'd never feel a thing. Performance and fuel mileage are enhanced with this gearbox.

I watched delightedly as my fuel gauge took 180 kilometres to drop from 'full' and racked up some 500 clicks before reaching the 'half' mark. It took just under 700 kilometres before the tank dropped below a quarter full. I only visited the gas station once during my week-long test, and I'm OK with that.

For a sedan that grabs attention with its fuel efficiency, the design is actually pretty nice as well. ALL PHOTOS BY JUSTIN PRITCHARD

Overall consumption landed at 6.9 L/100 km. With plenty of city driving, high-speed highway cruising and my lead foot, that isn't bad at all. And with all that torque, Jetta TDI rips along something fierce when you give it the boots.

You're not sacrificing performance here.

Extra points for the comfy heated leather seats, potent Fender audio system and fantastic headlight performance at night.

Roominess for four adults is adequate, the trunk is generous, and there's plenty of at-hand storage, too.

The ride and handling are also nicely set up: Jetta TDI is responsive, sporty, comfortable, refined and fairly quiet, all at the same time. The powertrain, steering, ride and suspension are all dialed in very nicely here.

My only major complaint dealt with the cabin, which has been 'cheapened' compared to the last-generation Jetta to facilitate a lower price tag.

It's assembled nicely and pleasing to look at, though the abundance of hard plastics let things down a little when touching most surfaces.

At the end of the day, those in the market for an upscale, slightly sporty, very thrifty and highly refined fuel miser should be sure to give the Jetta TDI a whirl — alongside the Chevrolet Cruze Eco, Mazda 3 Skyactiv and Hyundai Sonata Blue Drive.

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Amphicars go wild at annual Fleetwood Country Cruize-in

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The Fleetwood Country Cruize-in is one of the coolest and largest automotive related extravaganzas in the country. Held every first weekend of June on the fabulous estate of Steve Plunkett, located just outside London, Ont., it's a classic car cruise-in, custom car show, charity event, and rock 'n' roll festival all rolled into one.

Unlike past years, the weather was rotten at this year's show. At times the rains came down in biblical proportions. Plunkett figured the extra water scared off about a third of the show's usual 1,000-plus classic car turnout.

There is one breed of classic car, however, not deterred by water — the Amphicar. In fact, it was born to swim. A clutch of them always turn out for the Fleetwood bash, and this year was no exception. As usual, their owners were giving out "swims" for charity in Plunkett's sizeable pond.

"They're terrible as a car, and terrible as a boat," Ina Cabanas tells me, as she's about to give me and Diane a ride/swim in her beautifully restored Amphicar, which she trailered from her New Jersey home. After I get in and close the passenger door, her husband, Bob, activates a second pull handle at each door, to squeeze them further against the rubber seals — our last line of defense between us and the fishes.

Yes folks, that is a car. And it's driving in the water. At bottom right, Ina Cabanas and her husband Bob, owners of an Amphicar, are pictured. CONTRIBUTED

Well after the doors are properly latched, Ina just heads for the pond and "drives" in. One moment we're motoring along on grass and the next we're floating around the pond with all the other Amphicars.

Pretty cool.

It's windy and with several "cars" in the water, Ina has her hands full trying to negotiate around the pond, which seems smaller once you're in it. A separate transmission engages the engine to the two propellers. It "steers" in water the same way it steers on land — via the steering wheel and its two front wheels.

Sure, a tiller and a rudder would work better in water, but nobody's going to use an Amphicar for sea crossings … OK, maybe some people have made a few, like England to France (three times), Africa to Spain, and San Diego to Catalina Island, but they were probably above-average swimmers.

Getting out of the pond is equally quick and simple. Ina gets the revs up and "drives" out. As we wheel back around the pond, the on-board bilge pump is still pumping away. So while the Amphicar is designed to float, it's not entirely leak proof. I ask Ina where most of the water comes in.

"Everywhere," she says.

Ina adds that Amphicar wasn't in business long enough to "perfect the initial imperfections."

Not surprisingly, Amphicars require more than the average amount of maintenance and TLC to keep them roadworthy and seaworthy.

But there is no shortage of enthusiasts, like Ina, willing to do their part, in keeping this special, amphibious species viable and alive, and fun to be around.

Amphicar points

- 43-hp rear-mounted Triumph engine.
- Built in West Germany between 1962 and 1967.
- Highest rear fins of any production car.
- About 4,000 built, about 2,000 left.
- Prone to rust (imagine that).
- Capable of 70 m.p.h. on land, 8 knots on water.
- Requires both vehicle and boat licenses.
- Owner gatherings called "Swim Ins."
- $50K-plus for fully-restored examples.

Bringing out the big gun

Alan Mulally, President and CEO of Ford, stands next to the new 2013 F-150 pickup truck after it was unveiled on Monday at the Greene Family Camp in Bruceville, Texas. Members of Texas Future Farmers of America helped unveil the truck during the ceremony, which celebrated Ford's 65th anniversary of F-Series pickups as well as it's 65-year partnership with Future Farmers of America.

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Talk hands-free

Are you still talking on your cell phone while driving, potentially risking a fine and a collision? There's no excuse for doing that, especially with the myriad of hands-free devices on the market today. For example, the cordless Steering Wheel Bluetooth Speakerphone provides up to five hours of talk time on a full charge. Inbound calls are shown on the Speakerphone's display as either numbers or names. The device can also recall up to 10 recent calls and can store up to 600 numbers for future dialing. A number of online resellers offer the Steering Wheel Bluetooth Speakerphone for about $100 US, including hammacher.com. **WHEELBASE**

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Get your feet off the dash, for safety's sake

Driving Force. Both passengers and drivers should take heed, as the possible dangers are quite horrific

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If you allow passengers to ride with their feet on the dash, or if you do it yourself, it's time to sit up straight. While it may be cool to ride this way, even a slight mishap could result in serious injury or death.

That's because the dash contains an airbag that, in even a minor collision, can deploy at speeds of more than 200 km/h. If a passenger has her feet on the dash, the airbag could slam her knees into her face, or drive her thigh bones through her pelvis. Ultimately, she might never walk properly again.

"The seats and seatbelts aren't designed for people to be slouched down in a lounge position," says Teresa Di Felice, director of driving training for CAA South Central Ontario.

"They were designed that you sit upright, with your back and feet in the proper spot, and the seatbelt across your shoulder."

When someone rides like this, she isn't just a danger to herself, Di Felice says.

Her legs can block the driver's view of the passenger-side windshield or exterior mirror, and "it can also be considered a distraction for the person driving or the people around them who see it," she says.

Airbags are part of the vehicle's overall safety system.

They help prevent serious injuries by keeping front-seat occupants from hitting the dash or windshield, but they work in conjunction with the seatbelts, which keep people at a safe distance when the airbags deploy.

You may have seen them blow up gently like pillows in movies, or in slow-motion crash-test films.

In reality, they explode and deflate so quickly that you can't see it happen. They go off like a gunshot, and they're rock-hard before they deflate.

Young Layne Sharpe should not be doing this. It's a recipe for disaster. However, this is a staged photo, so there's no need for her to get grounded. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

It's also important for drivers to be in the correct position, since there's an airbag inside the steering wheel. Hold the wheel at the 9-and-3 position, which is the safest.

If you just hold the wheel at the top, it can smash your knuckles (and your jewellery) into your face if the airbag deploys. And never turn the wheel by "hooking" it, with your hand inside and your palm facing you: the airbag will shatter your wrist or elbow.

"No one ever expects to get into a crash," Di Felice says. "It's everyone's responsibility to think about how to be safe."

Advice worth noting

- Always wear your seatbelt over your hips and across your collarbone, as these large bones can take the impact. If you tuck the belt under your arm, it can break your ribs in a crash. If you put it behind you, it won't protect you from the airbag.
- Never ride with a pet on your lap in the front seat. A deploying airbag can kill the animal, and also force it into your abdomen, causing internal injuries.

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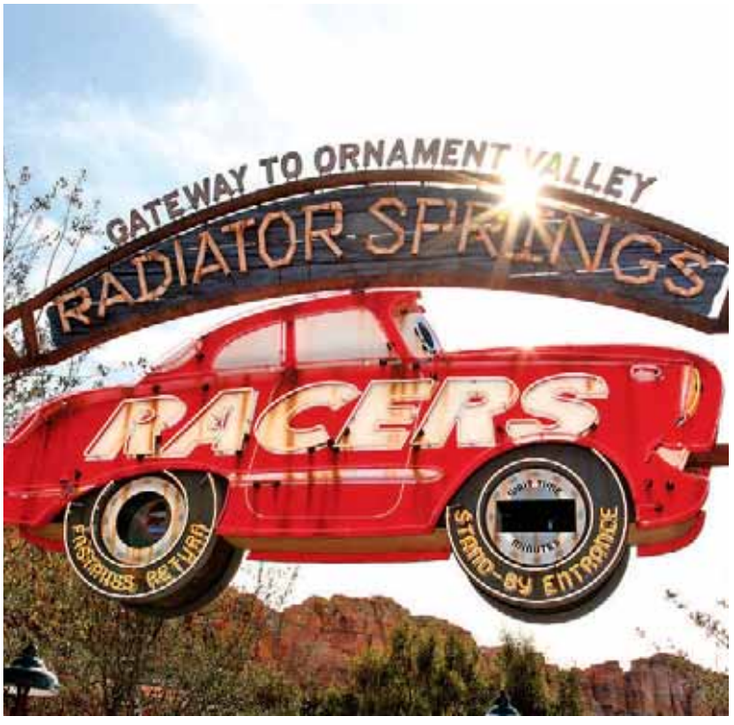

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Azera offered slice of value and luxury

Second Gear.
2006 to 2009
Hyundai Azera

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Intended as a budget-minded luxury sedan to compete with the Toyota Solara, Lincoln MKZ and Chrysler 300, Hyundai's Azera was available in its last generation from model years 2006 to 2009 inclusive.

Bringing Hyundai's reputation for value into the luxury sedan scene, it featured automatic climate control, a rear seat sunshade, power leather heated seats, adjustable pedals, rain-sensing wipers, and an in-dash CD-changer.

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Common Issues

Numerous drivers have reported alignment issues and short life from the factory tires. A full check of the front suspension, especially on earlier models, is advised — as is a check for signs of alignment problems. Inspect the Azera's dashboard for signs of cracking, especially around the passenger front airbag. Numerous reports of cracked dashboards have surfaced online. A similarly common problem is the rear sunshade. Ensure this motorized accessory works as expected.

Other issues deal with various interior accessories, door locks and door handles. End of the day, shoppers are advised to scrutinize their potential used Azera for signs of defective or broken accessories.

Engine

Under the hood, a 3.8-litre V6 teamed up with a five-speed automatic transmission sent 263 horsepower to the front wheels. No other engines or transmissions were available.

What Owners Like

Overall value, spaciousness, styling, ride quality and luxury bang-for-the-buck were highly rated attributes of the Azera. Owners also rate the stereo, performance, trunk size and fit and finish highly.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints dealt with seat comfort, some squeaks and rattles as the car ages, poor night time interior illumination and a small trunk opening.

Verdict

Though some issues are present, the Azera's driveline looks solid and worry-free. A healthy Azera with a mechanical thumbs-up should provide a luxurious driving experience for shoppers on a budget.

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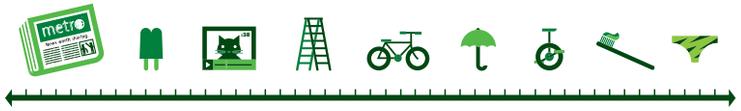

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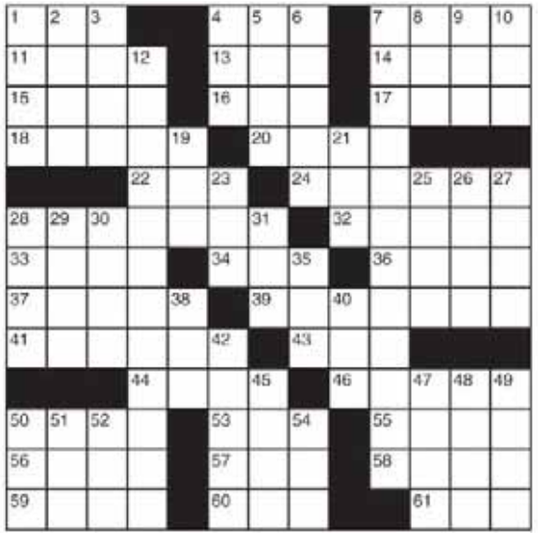
Across

1 Ottoman official
4 Braying beast
7 Prejudice
11 "No ifs, ands, or —"
13 Spot on a domino
14 Aware of
15 Cornfield invader
16 — out a living
17 Individuals
18 Plant of the cashew family
20 Sentry's call
22 Wrigley product
24 Touchtone feature
28 No purebred
32 Isolated
33 Author James
34 Paving gunk
36 Greek vowel
37 Startle
39 Arrested
41 Liverpool's river
43 Luau side dish
44 Tiny branch
46 Medication measures
50 Leslie Caron role
53 Sprite
55 Troop group
56 Leif's father
57 Appomattox surrenderer
58 Ganges garment
59 Halloween face
60 Morning moisture
61 Apiece

Down

1 Basic learning
2 Mentor
3 Fermi's bit
4 Mimic
5 Monotheist of India
6 Orate
7 Destiny's Child song
8 Hostel
9 Noshed
10 "Mayday!"
12 Boastful officer's wand
19 Scoundrel
21 Meadow
23 Encountered
25 Milne bruin
26 Initial stake
27 Out of play
28 Sir's counterpart
29 Coquettish glance
30 In the neighbourhood
31 Once around the track
35 Sartorial woe
38 Kitten's comment
40 Affirmative action?
42 Relinquish
45 Merriment
47 Break suddenly
48 Green land
49 Mix
50 Jewel
51 Savings acronym
52 USO audience
54 A handful



Sudoku

4								9
	3		8	9	2		6	
	5						2	
		7	2		1	5		
	2						7	
		6	4		3	1		
	4						3	
	1		6	4	7		5	
9								4

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	9	4	5	3	6	1	2	7
6	2	7	1	4	9	3	5	8
5	1	3	2	8	7	6	4	9
9	8	1	3	6	4	2	7	5
2	3	6	8	7	5	4	9	1
4	7	5	9	1	2	8	6	3
1	5	2	4	9	3	7	8	6
3	6	9	7	2	8	5	1	4
7	4	8	6	5	1	9	3	2

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

QH G UIV QY KCYFQEU SQY OGKC HCCF PE G OGKKPPL YCGF, VPI LQUSF HQEM VPIKYCAH G FPCM YFPPA.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: POSING SOPRANO SILLS HAD MARRIED SINGER DON OR PHIL, SHE'D BE NAMED BEVERLY EVERLY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals F

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Aries | March 21 - April 20. According to the planets you have been taking it easy and doing just enough to get by, but that must now change.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You may think you are a law unto yourself but even a Taurus has to toe the line occasionally and if you are smart you will tone down your act a bit over the next few days.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You will be pleasantly surprised how helpful people are today.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You may have some serious issues to deal with but that does not mean you cannot have fun.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Avoid petty arguments and focus your energy on things that really matter.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. This will be one of those days when no matter how hard you try to get your head around what's going on you just can't make the connection.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You need to be more adventurous. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to your work where you could miss out on a golden opportunity if you are afraid to take a risk.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Try not to be so judgmental today. Remember that people are supposed to be different. Make an effort to get along with someone you would not usually want to hang out with.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You have serious duties to perform but you must also make time for the lighter side of life.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Things are rarely as bad as they seem, so throw yourself into a task you enjoy and before you know it you will have forgotten all about . . . well, whatever it was you were getting worked up about.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You can sense that so much is possible. But don't get carried away, especially where romance is concerned. Head and heart must be balanced.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Whatever good ideas you have today you are advised to do something with them quickly, because later in the week you may not have time to do them justice.

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CITY (M/T): 7.4L/100KM

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